

Application Code Manager



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Preface Objectives

This preface covers the following topics:

- [Purpose of This Manual](#)
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Purpose of This Manual

This manual is a user guide for the Application Code Manager (ACM) application. It provides procedures for the following:

- Installing the Program
- Creating Projects
- Registering Library Objects
- Configuring Library Objects
- Exporting and Importing Schedules
- Saving Projects
- Using the Database Manager
- Creating Reports

Additional Resources

This document contains additional information concerning related products from Rockwell Automation.

Resource	Description
Library Designer and Library Object Manager User Manual, publication LOGIX-UM006A-EN-P	User manual for the Library Designer plug-in and the Library Object Manager application.

You can view or download publications at <http://www.rockwellautomation.com/literature/>. To order paper copies of technical documentation, contact your local Allen-Bradley distributor or Rockwell Automation sales representative.

Abbreviations

These abbreviations are used in this publication.

Abbr	Meaning
ACM	Application Code Manager
FT	FactoryTalk®
FTAE	FactoryTalk Alarms and Events
GUI	Graphic User Interface
HMI	Human Machine Interface
I/O	Input/Output
LOM	Library Object Manager
ME	Machine Edition
SE	Site Edition
XML	Extensible Markup Language (Export format -XML file extension)

Notes:

Application Code Manager Overview

Chapter Objectives

This chapter provides information on the following topics:

- [Design Process](#)
- [Library Objects](#)
- [Templates](#)
- [Schedules](#)
- [Design Automation Concept](#)
- [ACM Console](#)

Design Process

The Studio 5000® Application Code Manager (ACM) design process introduces a modular, Object-based approach to the creation of ACD controller code, FactoryTalk® View SE/ME display content, FactoryTalk Historian Tag and FactoryTalk Alarms and Events (FTAE) import configuration.

The Studio 5000 ACM design process separates function and configuration into two separate layers of data, and divides the design process into two distinct workflows, Library Management and Project Execution.

The design process involves a suite of applications and plug-ins:

- The Studio 5000 Logix Designer® application
- The Library Designer plug-in
- The Library Object Manager (LOM) application
- The Application Code Manager (ACM) application
- FactoryTalk View Studio

The Library Management Workflow

Studio 5000 Logix Designer

The Library Management workflow begins when a Librarian creates a specific instance of ACD controller code in the Logix Designer application. The specific instance is a single Project containing a single Controller. The Project includes a logical structure allowing for these Logix Objects:

- Controller Tags
- Tasks
- Motion Groups

- Add-On Instructions
- Data Types
- Trends
- I/O Configurations

Each Logix Object has an internal hierarchy of elements: for example, a Task may contain one or more Programs, each of which may contain one or more Routines.

Every Project has one Controller. There may be one, many, or no instances of any type of Logix Object in the Project when the specific instance is created. This single instance of controller code is saved to an ACD file.

Traditionally, controller code was designed and configured for a specific Project. In the Library Management workflow, Librarians design content not for a specific Project, but to provide a widely applicable set of functions. Project components are used to create Library Objects. Each Library Object is an independent functional entity that can be easily configured to meet a wide range of applications and can be used in many Projects.

Library Designer

The Library Management workflow continues in the Library Designer plug-in. Using the Library Designer plug-in, the Library can assign the Project, the Controller, and any of the Logix Objects to one or many Library Objects. Each Library Object defines a set of functions, capabilities, and connections: valve, motor, controller, module. Rather than being tied to one application, Library Objects can be configured to meet the needs of multiple applications. The Library Designer plug-in allows the publishing of a Library directly into an ACM database. Options include the ability to specify the location where the Library will be published in the ACM database, and the ability to specify the status of the Library, either Published or Pending.

The Librarian adds decorative elements (Custom Properties) to the Library Object, including Parameters, Sub-Objects, Functions, Substitutions, and External References. Decoration lets the Library Object be configured when it is implemented in a Project in the ACM application. The ACM application can only access the decoration which has been added in the Library Designer plug-in.

Logix Objects can be restricted to a single Library Object or assigned to multiple Library Objects, each with a different set of decoration. A Library Object can contain a single Logix Object, or a Logix Object can be added as an element of a more complex Library Object. For example, a P_Alarm Add-On Instruction can be assigned to a valve Library Object and can also be an element of a Motor or Pump Library Object.

Each ACD file can support multiple Projects, Controller Libraries, and Logix Library Objects. The ACD is not required to contain a Project or Controller Library.

While decoration is stored as part of the ACD file, it is treated as a separate layer of information from the base controller code.

Decoration allows the Librarian to control how the Library Object is instantiated, including configurations such as naming, tag values, conditional inclusion, and connections to other Library Objects. Project Engineers can

instantiate one or many distinct instances of a Library Object within an ACM Project and can separately configure each instance. The Library Designer enables the Librarian to publish each Logix Library Object directly to the ACM Database or to a file in HSL4 format.

Library Object Manager

The Library Management workflow continues when the Librarian opens the decorated ACD file in the Library Object Manager application. The Library Object Manager application lets the Librarian publish each Library Object, either directly to the ACM Database or to a file in HSL4 format. HSL4 files can be distributed individually or as part of a Repository.

The Librarian can add non-Logix user interface features such as HMI (FactoryTalk View SE/ME) and Historian (FactoryTalk Historian SE) components to the Library Object in the Library Object Manager application. This can only be done after the Library Object has been published from the ACD file to a Folder or ACM Database Repository. The features added in the Library Object Manager application are saved to the individual HSL4 file or database entry for the Library Object and are not saved to the original ACD file.

Each Library Object file saved from the Library Object Manager application is classified within a four-level hierarchy:

Solution -> Library Type -> Category -> Catalog Number

For example, an analog input module might be classified as follows:

- **Solution: (RA-LIB) ACM**
Solution will, in most cases, name the Library Object Repository for the Library Object.
- **Library Type: Modules**
Library Type is a general classification for the Library Object based on its function, such as Module, valve, or motor.
- **Category: Analog**
Category is a more specific classification for the Library Object, based on its function.
- **Catalog Number: 1734-IE2C/C**
The specific identifier for the Library Object.

Each Library Object file must have a distinct version number per Solution. Just as the same Logix Object can be used to create one or many Library Objects within the Library Designer plug-in, the same Library Object can be used to create one or many distinct Library Object files (versions) within the Library Object Manager application.

Library Objects can be quickly distributed, then registered into and configured for multiple Projects in multiple locations. Library Objects are available to any Project Engineer that requires the functionality the Library Object provides. Projects can be built and executed by Project Engineers without the need for high level programming support. Librarians can rapidly create and distribute new Library Objects to meet the needs of specific applications.

FactoryTalk View Studio

Librarians use the FactoryTalk View Studio application to create Site Edition (SE) and Machine Edition (ME) Symbols. The Symbol objects are created as graphic displays and exported to XML. The XML files are imported into the Library Object Manager application and added as non-Logix content to Library Objects.

The Project Execution Workflow

Application Code Manager

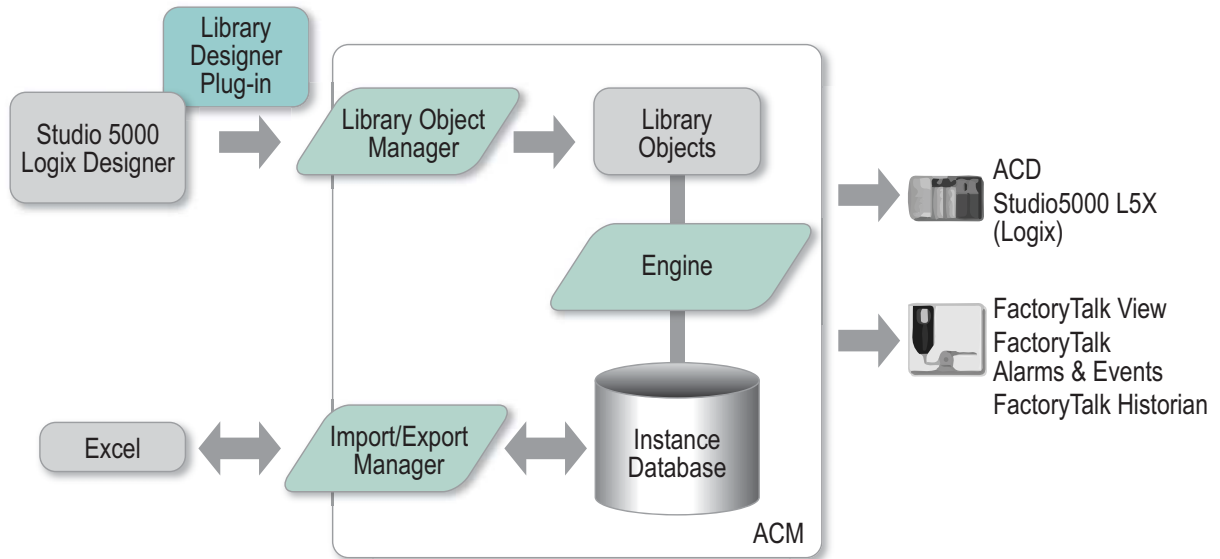
In the Application Code Manager (ACM) application, Library Objects become the building blocks for Project Engineers to rapidly create and deploy Projects. Execution is simply a matter of registering, adding, and configuring the Library Objects. Projects can be completed without requiring high-end programming support.

In the Project Execution workflow, Project Engineers select Library Objects in the ACM application, configure the Library Object Parameters to meet the requirements of the current application, and then complete the workflow by creating the Project to ACD controller code.

Project Engineers can request new Library Objects from Librarians, reuse Library Objects from their own previous Projects, or share Library Objects with other Project Engineers. Completed Projects can, in turn, be used to create new Library Objects.

Library Objects

A Library Object (Library) is the class definition of an Object. A Library Object is instantiated. Individual Library Object files (HSL4) are XML formatted and registered in the ACM Database. A Library Object typically defines parameters, subclasses, user interface contents, and portions of controller code (for example, Logix) and HMI code (for example, FactoryTalk View SE/ME).



Library Objects contain controller code, as well as decoration (Custom Properties). Decoration is applied to a Library Object in the Library Designer plug-in. Decoration can be inherited from a Library Object that is higher in scope. Decoration that is applied to a Library Object is inherited by, or available to, all elements that are contained within the Library Object. Decoration can also be applied directly to an element, overriding inheritance from the Library Object and from Library Objects of higher scope.

Templates

A Template defines the static content and format of design output (for example, FT View display). A Template is not a class definition. A Template is not instantiated. Templates have a variety of formats (for example, HSL4, xml, csv, docx, xlsx) and are sometimes stored in the ACM Database, the “ACM Program Folder”, or the “Windows User Folder”. Refer to [Chapter 2, “Installation”](#) for information on registering Libraries and installing Template files.

Schedules

Schedules are tables or spreadsheets used to display or edit project data, typically Parameter values.

Read-only Schedules are temporarily generated for certain Main GUI Context Menu commands (for example, View Module I/O Schedule).

Excel spreadsheet Schedules can be exported, modified, and imported. These “spreadsheet” Schedules can be used for:

- Bulk additions, duplication, and changes
- Transferring project contents
- Snapshots
- Backups
- Version comparison

Design Automation Concept

The Project Design Outputs are generated automatically. The Objects (instances) and Parameter values, stored in the ACM Database, are combined with various Templates to create the following design outputs:

- Logix
- FactoryTalk View SE/ME graphics
- FactoryTalk Historian SE import file
- FactoryTalk Alarms and Events import file
- Excel (Schedules)

ACM Console

The ACM Console application is included with the ACM application installation. The ACM Console provides a command line interface to programmatically perform the following actions:

- Edit Parameters
- Export All Projects
- Export Libraries by Attribute
- Generate Controller (as an L5X or ACD file)
- Import Project
- Publish Library

Installation

Chapter Objectives

This chapter describes the steps for installing the Application Code Manager (ACM) application:

- [Installing the Application Code Manager Application](#)
- [Local Library and Template File Installation](#)
- [Completing the Application Code Manager for New Installation](#)
- [The Application Code Manager Application Full Upgrade](#)

The following application programs are used with the ACM application but are not included in these installation instructions:

- Studio 5000 Logix Designer® application V27 or higher
- FactoryTalk® View SE/ME
- FactoryTalk Historian SE
- Microsoft Office 2010 or later

TIP

Before upgrading an existing ACM installation, export all ACM Projects to a Project Schedule and back up the ACM Database(s).

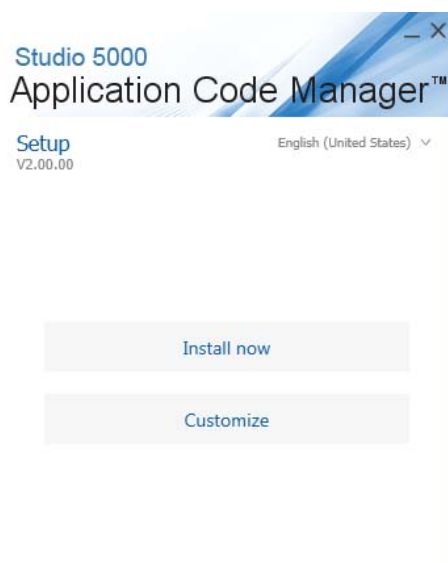
Refer to [Import Export Manager Export Tab on page 110](#) for information on the All Projects export option.

Refer to the Backup database command in [Chapter 10, Database Manager](#) for more information on backing up an ACM Database.

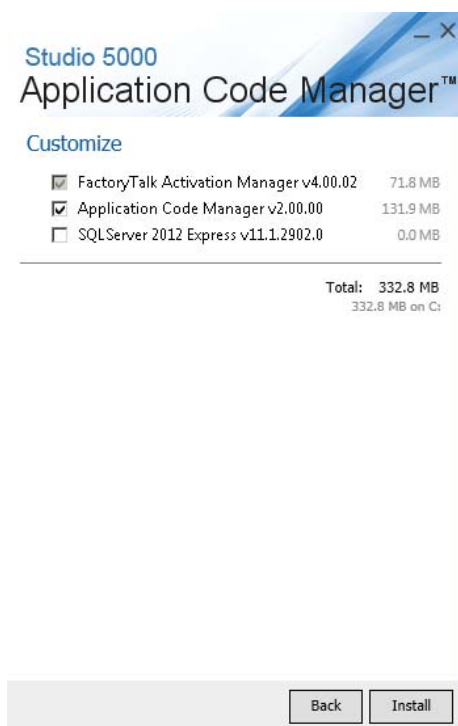
Refer to [Import Export Manager Import Tab on page 106](#) for information on importing a Project Schedule.

Installing the Application Code Manager Application

1. Run the **setup.exe** file. The **Setup** window opens.

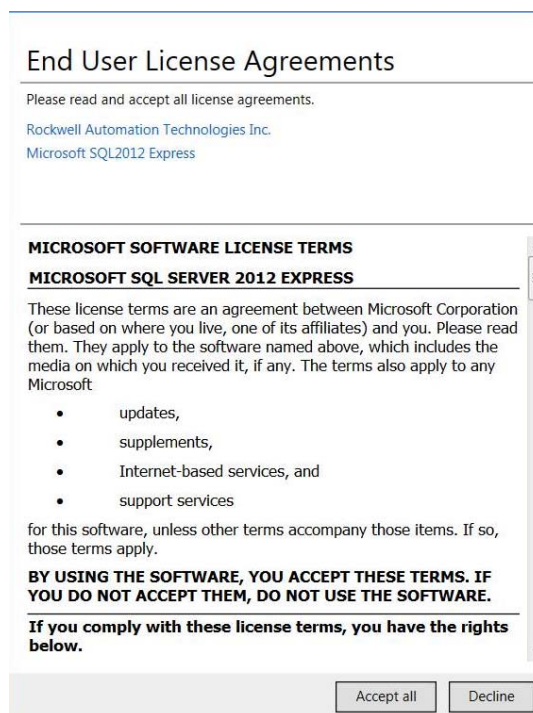


2. Select **Install Now** or **Customize**. If **Install Now** is selected, the **End User License Agreement** dialog will appear (step 4).
3. If **Customize** was selected, the **Customize** dialog will display.

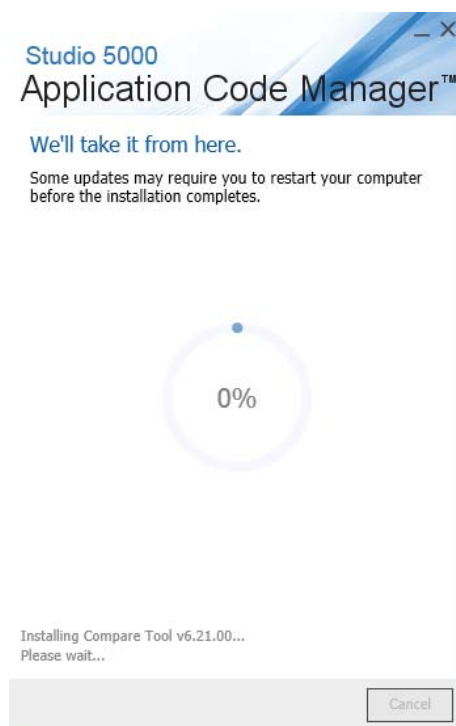


4. Select the components that will be installed and select **Install**.
TIP SQL Server 2012 Express is optional if an existing ACM Database is used.

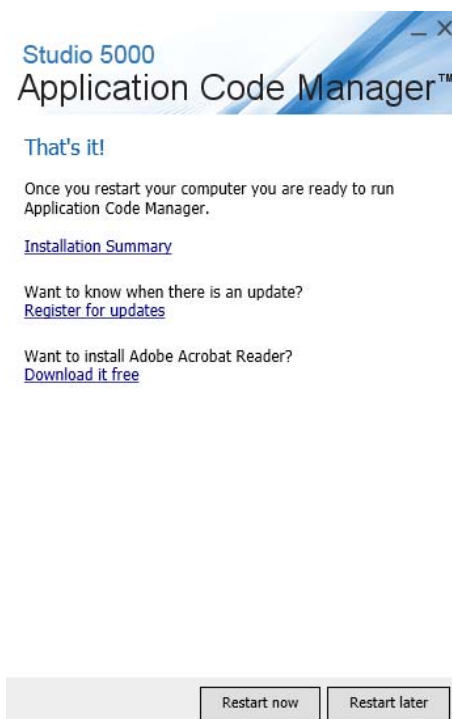
The **End User License Agreement** dialog will appear.



5. Select **Accept All** to continue. The installation progress window will be displayed.



When the installation is complete, the **Restart now** dialog will display.



6. Select **Restart now** to complete the installation.

Local Library and Template File Installation

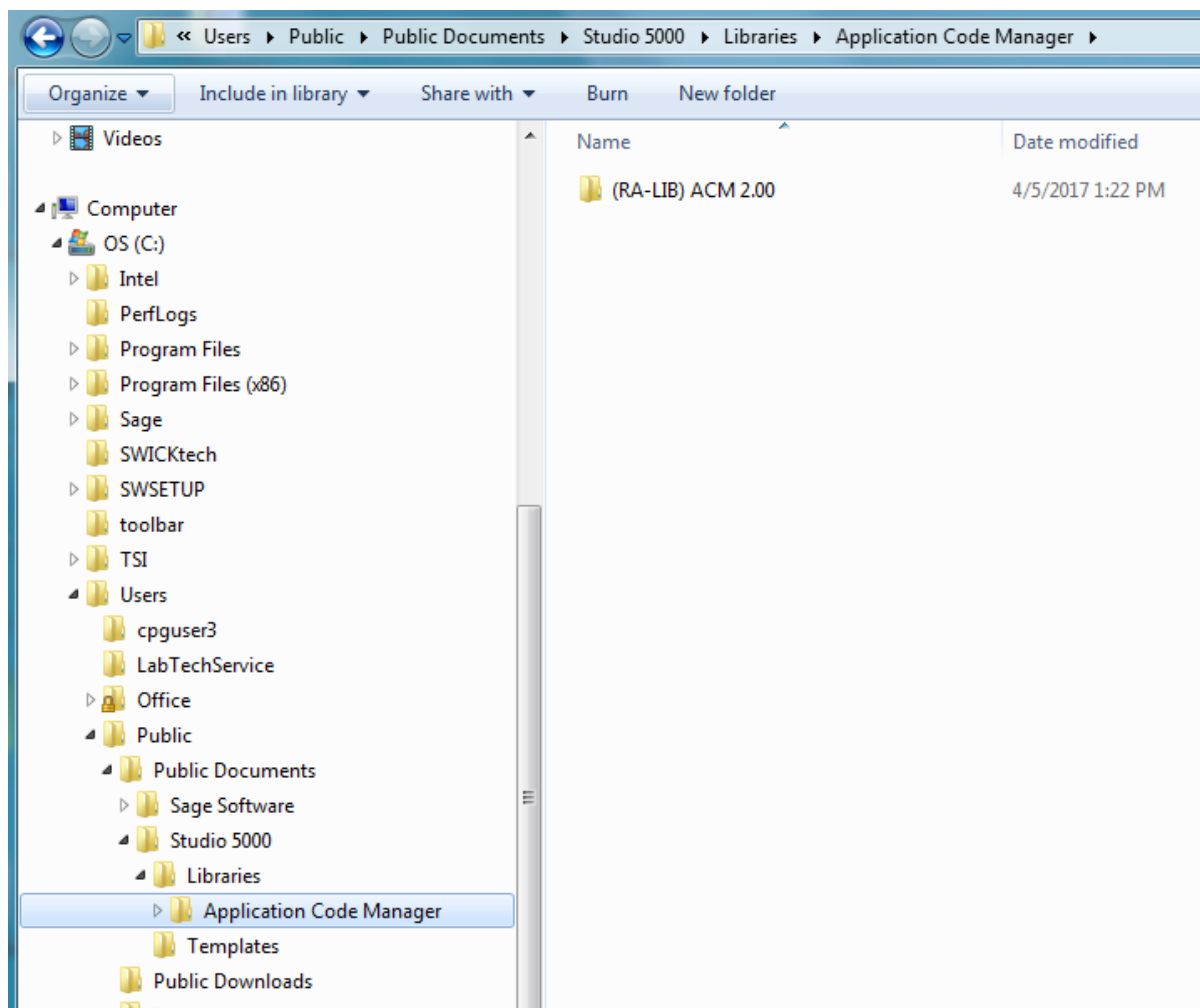
The installer creates folders for the default Library Object files and Template files in this location:

C: -> Users -> Public -> Public Documents -> Rockwell Automation -> Studio 5000

The installer creates separate “Libraries” and “Templates” folders and creates an “Application Code Manager” subfolder in each. It then copies the Library Object Repositories, (RA-LIB) ACM and (RA-LIB) Process, and the Template Repository, (RA-TPL) ACM, into their respective subfolders.

The “(RA-TPL) ACM” folder is set as the default documentation path for the Application Code Manager application. Refer to the **Settings** command in the [Main GUI Tools Menu](#) for information on setting the documentation path.

TIP When design collaboration (i.e. shared ACM Database) is required, Template files can be copied to a shared folder.



Completing the Application Code Manager for New Installation

After you open the Application Code Manager application, follow these steps to complete the installation.

1. Access the Database Manager and create a database.
2. Connect to the database.
3. Register Library content.

Accessing the Database Manager

The Database Manager is accessed by executing the **Database Manager** command in the **Main GUI Tools Menu**. Refer to [Main GUI Tools Menu on page 43](#) for more information.

The screenshot shows the 'Database Manager' application window. It has a title bar with a question mark and a close button. The window is divided into several sections:

- Server name:** A dropdown menu with a 'Refresh' button to its right.
- Log on to the server:** A section with the heading 'Using SQL Server Authentication'. It contains:
 - User name:** A text box containing 'sa'.
 - Password:** A text box with masked characters (dots).
 - ☒ **ACM default sa password**
 - Connect** button.
 - Status:** A yellow rectangular indicator.
- Specify the database:** A section with the heading 'Select a database name:' and a dropdown menu.
- Actions:** A section with the heading 'Select an action to perform:'. It contains two sub-sections:
 - Tasks:** Three radio buttons: 'Create database', 'Upgrade database', and 'Delete database'. Below them is an **Execute Task** button.
 - Disaster Recovery:** Two radio buttons: 'Backup database' and 'Restore database'. Below them is an **Execute Recovery** button.
- Close** button at the bottom right.

This table describes the controls on the **Database Manager** dialog.

Server name:	Selects a computer name and SQL server instance from a pull-down list, or enter a computer name and SQL server instance in the following format: <Computer Name> \ <SQL Server Instance>
Refresh	Refreshes the Server name selections.
Log on to the server	
User name:	SQL server user name entered during ACM Database creation. Refer to Creating an ACM Database on page 22 for more information. The default user name is "sa".
Password:	SQL server password entered when SQL Server Express was installed. Refer to Installing the Application Code Manager Application on page 16 for more information.
ACM default sa password	Selects the default ACM password. Check this box if the default SQL server password was entered when SQL Server Express was installed. Refer to Installing the Application Code Manager Application on page 16 for more information.
Connect	Connects to the database named in the Select a database name combo box using the SQL server entered in the Server name combo box.
Status:	Displays user connection status.
Specify the database	
Select a database name:	Enter a name or select an existing name from the pull-down list. If the name entered is unique, a new database name will be created.
Actions – Tasks	
Create database	Creates a database using the SQL server entered in the Server name combo box and the database name entered in the Select a database name combo box when the Execute Task command is clicked. Refer to Creating an ACM Database on page 22 for more information.
Upgrade database	Upgrades the ACM Database named in the Select a database name combo box using the SQL server entered in the Server name combo box when the Execute Task command is clicked.
Delete database	Deletes the database named in the Select a database name combo box using the SQL server entered in the Server name combo box when the Execute Task command is clicked. Refer to Deleting a Database on page 124 for more information.
Execute Task	Performs the selected task.
Actions – Disaster Recovery	
Backup database	Makes a backup copy of the database file named in the Select a database name combo box when the Execute Recovery command is clicked.
Restore database	Replaces the database file named in the Select a database name combo box with a database file when the Execute Recovery command is clicked.
Execute Recovery	Performs the selected recovery.

Creating an ACM Database

Display the **Database Manager** dialog by executing the **Database Manager** command in the **Main GUI Tools Menu**.

Enter a computer name and a SQL server instance in the **Server name** combo box. Enter the SQL server authentication and click **Connect**.

TIP Contact the database administrator for the computer name, the SQL server instance, and the server authentication if you did not install this SQL server instance.

Enter a name or select an existing name from the pull-down list. If the name entered is unique, a new database name will be created.

Click **Create database** and click **Execute Task**.

The screenshot shows the 'Database Manager' dialog box with the following details:

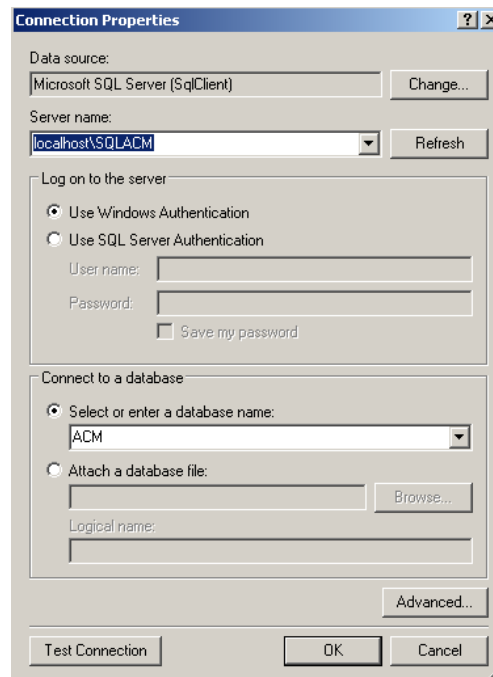
- Server name:** SERVER-BASE\SQLACM (with a Refresh button)
- Log on to the server:**
 - Using SQL Server Authentication
 - User name: sa
 - Password: *****
 - ☒ ACM default sa password
 - Connect button
 - Status: Connected
- Specify the database:**
 - Select a database name: ACM
- Actions:**
 - Select an action to perform:
 - Tasks:**
 - ☒ Create database
 - ☐ Upgrade database
 - ☐ Delete database
 - Execute Task button
 - Disaster Recovery:**
 - ☐ Backup database
 - ☐ Restore database
 - Execute Recovery button
- Close button

The **Database Manager** will display the results. Click **OK**.

Refer to [Connecting to an ACM Database on page 39](#) for information on connecting to the ACM Database.

Connecting to an ACM Database

Display the Connection Properties dialog by executing the Connect command in the Main GUI File Menu.



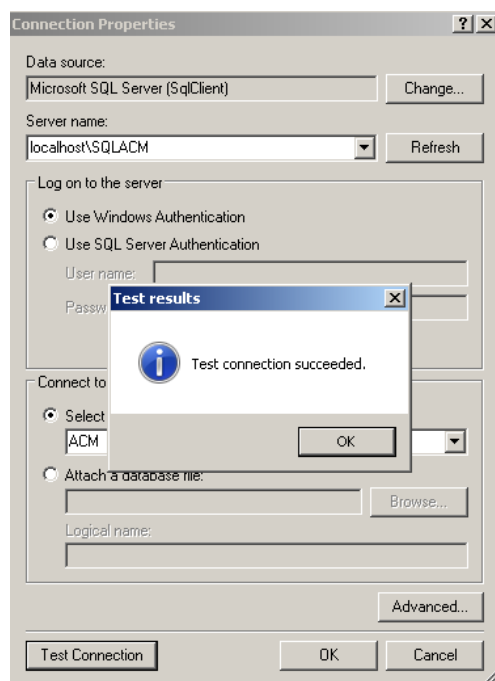
This table describes the contents of the **Connection Properties** dialog.

Data source:	Database type. Always select Microsoft SQL Server (SqlClient).
Server name:	Selects a computer name and SQL server instance from a pull-down list or enter a computer name and SQL server instance in the following format: <Computer Name> \ <SQL Server Instance>
Log on to the server Use Windows Authentication	Allows SQL server log on using Windows authentication.
Log on to the server Use SQL Server Authentication	Allows SQL server log on using SQL server authentication.
Connect to a database Select or enter a database name:	Select a database name from a pull-down list or enter a database name.
Connect to a database Attach a database file:	Type a database file name or use the Browse button to search for a file.
Test Connection	Tests the connection to the database. If a "Test connection succeeded." message is not returned, check the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer name • SQL Server authentication • Network access (remote SQL Server)
Advanced	Select to specify advanced connections to the database.

Enter a computer name, a SQL server instance, and the SQL server authentication. Contact the database administrator for the computer name, the SQL server instance, and the SQL server authentication if you did not install this SQL server instance.

Select or enter a database name. Contact the database creator for the database name if you did not create the database.

TIP After entering the Connection Properties, test the connection by executing the Test Connection command and confirm the correct database name is displayed in the Main GUI Title Bar. Refer to [Main GUI Title Bar on page 28](#) for more information.



Registering the Default ACM Libraries

Verify that the ACM application is connected to the correct ACM Database by examining the Main GUI Title Bar. Refer to [Main GUI Title Bar on page 28](#) for more information.

Follow these steps to register the default Libraries.

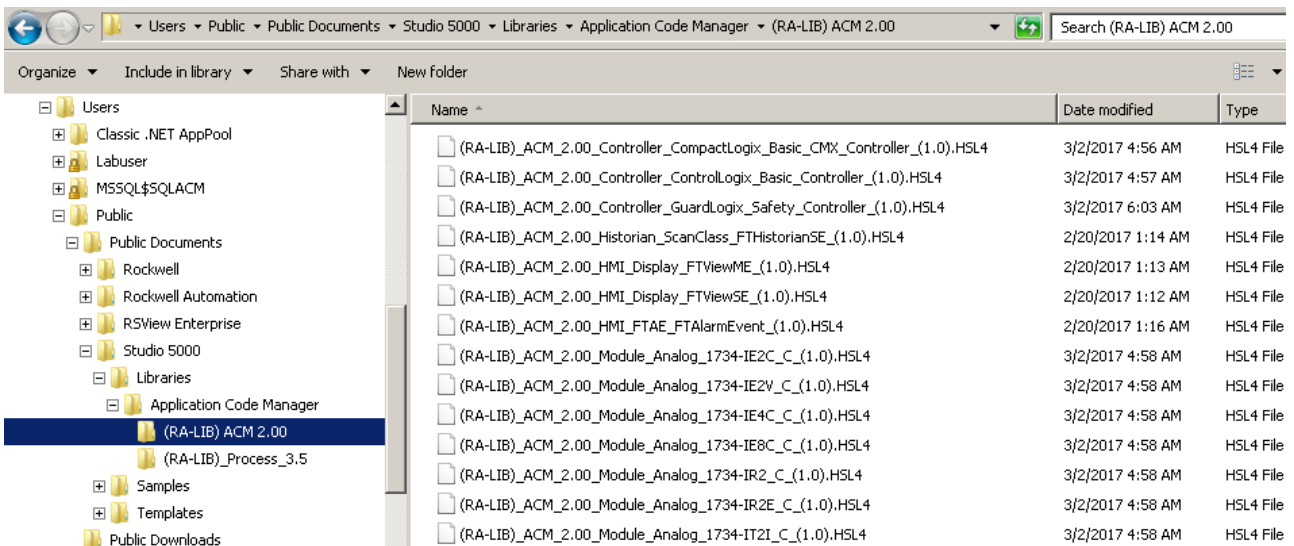
1. Display the **Open** dialog by executing the **Register** command in the **Registered Libraries Context Menu**. The dialog should open in the default location:

C: -> Users -> Public -> Public Documents -> Rockwell Automation -> Studio 5000 -> Libraries -> Application Code Manager

2. Open the “(RA-LIB) ACM” folder. Select all the Library Objects contained in the folder and click **Open**.

TIP

The **Register** command can be executed from any context menu in the Main GUI Registered Library tree view: right-click to open the context menu. The location of a Library in the Main GUI Registered Library tree view is defined in the Library file (HSL4).



The Application Code Manager Application Full Upgrade

When upgrading the Application Code Manager application, it may be desirable to update the Libraries used in the ACM Projects for a particular ACM Database and to obsolete the old Libraries versions.

IMPORTANT Always back up the current ACM Database before performing a full upgrade.

The following steps are the recommended method for doing a full upgrade.

1. Back up database.
2. Export all Projects with IEM.
3. Run ACM install. Select **Upgrade database** in the **Actions - Tasks** area.
4. Upgrade all Templates.
5. Register the new master Libraries.
6. Import Projects using the Import Export Manager.

TIP When importing the Projects, a compatible Library must be registered in the ACM Database. The Catalog Number of the registered Library must match the Catalog Number in the Project Schedule, and a Library with a revision greater than or equal to the revision in the Schedule must be registered. If a Library with the same revision is registered, the Library with the same revision is used. If a Library with the same revision is not registered and a Library with a greater revision is registered, the newest Library is used.

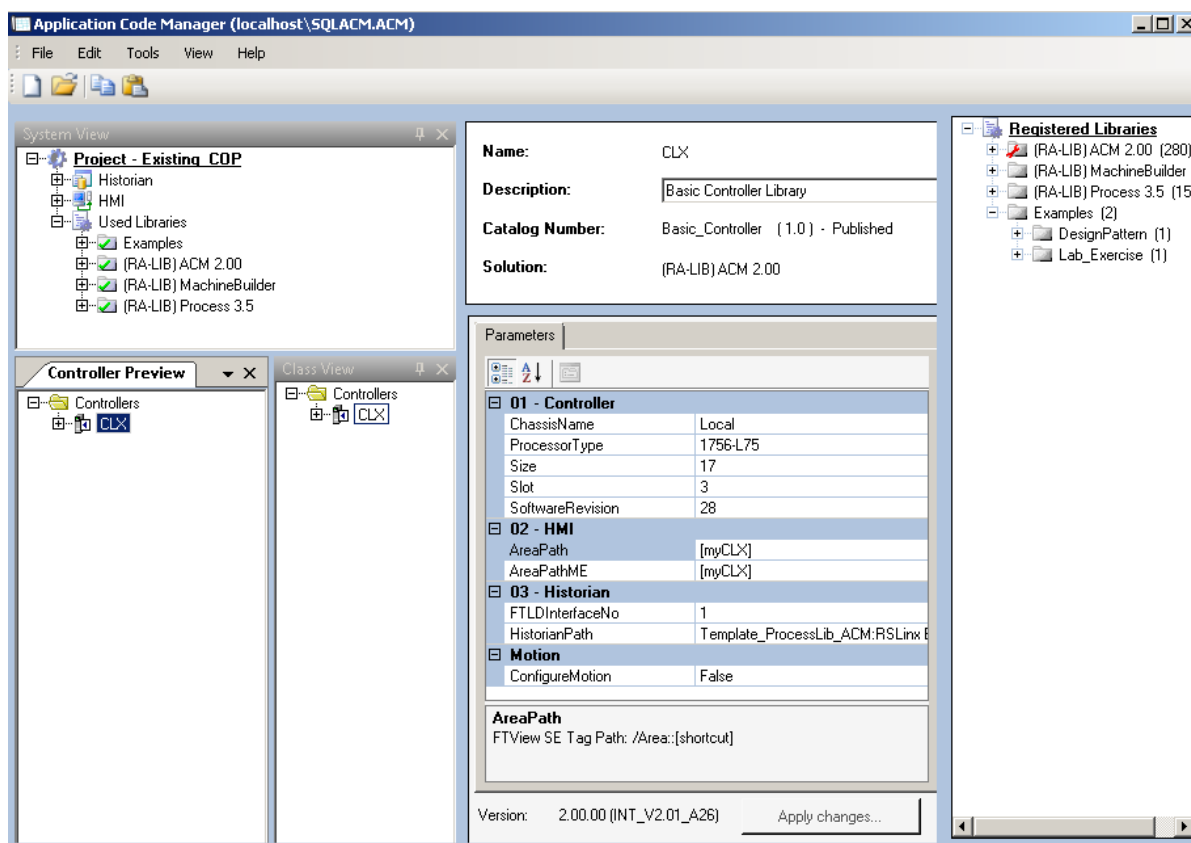
Main Graphic User Interface

Chapter Objectives

This chapter provides information on the following topics:

- [Main GUI Title Bar](#)
- [Main GUI Menu Bar](#)
- [Main GUI Button Bar](#)
- [Main GUI Registered Libraries Tree View](#)
- [Main GUI Project Tree View](#)
- [Main GUI Object Parameter Dialog](#)

This chapter describes the Main Graphic User Interface (Main GUI).



This table describes the controls on the **Main Graphic User Interface**.

Title Bar	Refer to Main GUI Title Bar on page 28 for more information.
Menu Bar	Refer to Main GUI Menu Bar on page 28 for more information.
Button Bar	Refer to Main GUI Button Bar on page 28 for more information.
Registered Libraries Tree View	Refer to Main GUI Registered Libraries Tree View on page 29 for more information.
Project Tree View	Refer to Main GUI Project Tree View on page 30 for more information.
Object Parameter Dialog	Refer to Main GUI Object Parameter Dialog on page 35 for more information.

Main GUI Title Bar

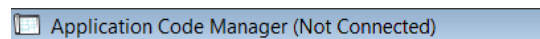
The Main GUI Title Bar is shown.



The Main GUI Title Bar displays the application icon and application name followed by the computer name, SQL server instance, and database name formatted as follows:

<Computer Name> \ <SQL Server Instance>.<DataBase Name>

The Main GUI Title Bar displays “(Not Connected)” if the ACM is not connected to a database.



TIP If the Main GUI Title Bar displays “(Not Connected)”, refer to [Connecting to an ACM Database on page 39](#).

The Windows Minimize, Maximize, and Normal Size buttons are enabled.

Use the Windows close button to close the ACM application.

Main GUI Menu Bar

The Main GUI Menu Bar is shown.



Refer to [Main GUI Menu Bar on page 37](#) for more information.

Main GUI Button Bar

The Main GUI Button Bar is shown.



The Main GUI Button Bar is located directly below the Main GUI Menu Bar, and provides quick access to commonly used commands.

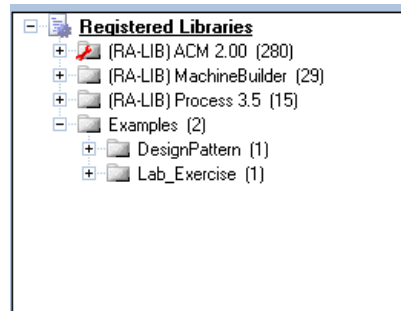
Refer to [Main GUI Button Bar on page 38](#) for more information.

Main GUI Registered Libraries Tree View

The Registered Library Tree View displays all Libraries (classes) in the connected ACM Database. These Libraries can be added (instantiated) to an ACM Project.

Refer to [Library Objects on page 12](#) for a description of a Library.

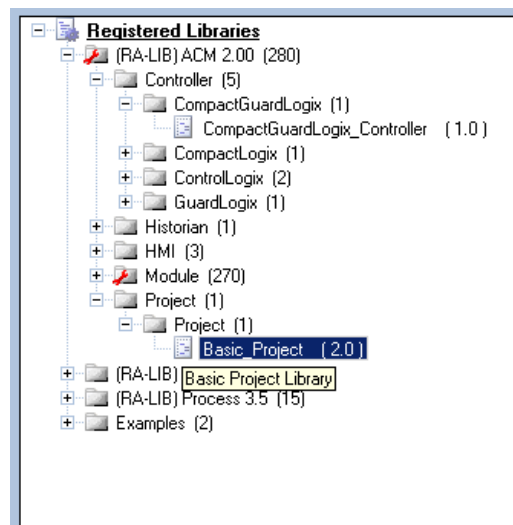
The Registered Library Tree View is shown.



The Libraries are organized in a 4-level hierarchy:

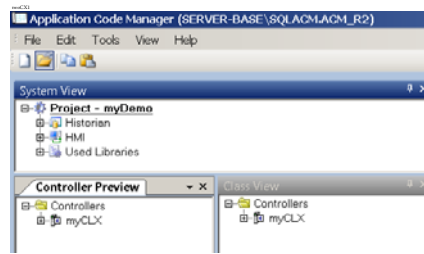
- > Solution (Number of Objects)
 - > Library Type (Number of Objects)
 - > Library Category (Number of Objects)
 - > Library Catalog Number (Library Version)

The Library Description is shown in the Library's tool tip.



Main GUI Project Tree View

The Main GUI Project Tree view is shown.



Organizing the View

The Objects (instances) contained in a project are arranged in a hierarchy. There are three ways to view the hierarchy, which are accessed by clicking one of the three panes (System View, Controller Preview, and Class View) within the Main GUI Project Tree view.

System View

The System View pane displays the Objects (instances) contained in the Project including FT Historian Server Objects, FT View SE/ME Server Objects, Libraries (classes) used in the Project, and Controller Objects.

Controller Preview

The Controller Preview pane displays all the project data according to the following nodes:

- Controllers
- Controller-specific data
- Logix-specific Objects
- Task/Programs
- Control Modules

Controller Preview displays Logix content similar to its final state after it is generated.

Users can add, copy, or delete Object instances from this view. Users can generate code from this view. Users can generate reports from this view.

Class View

The Class View pane displays all the used Library Objects with their instances for the project separated by Controller.

Objects are organized by the Library Object catalog numbers and show the instances below them.

Users can add, copy, or delete any Object instances. Users can generate code from this view. Users can generate reports from this view.

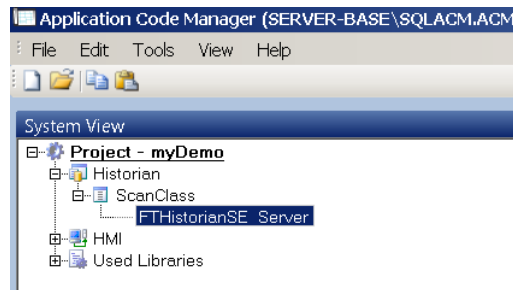
Historian Branch

The **Historian** branch in the Main GUI Project Tree View contains all Historian ScanClass Objects (instances) in the Project.

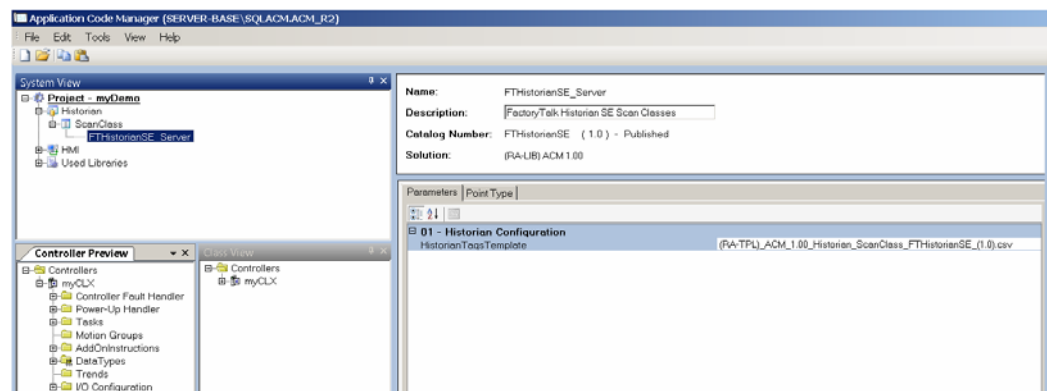
The Historian Objects are organized in a 3-level hierarchy:

Historian > ScanClass > Object

This Project includes one Historian_ScanClass Object (instance). The Object (instance) Name is FTHistorianSE_Server.



The Historian Scan Class definitions are Sub-Objects in the FT_Historian Object (instance).



HMI Branch

The **HMI** branch in the Main GUI Project Tree View contains all HMI Objects (instances) in the Project.

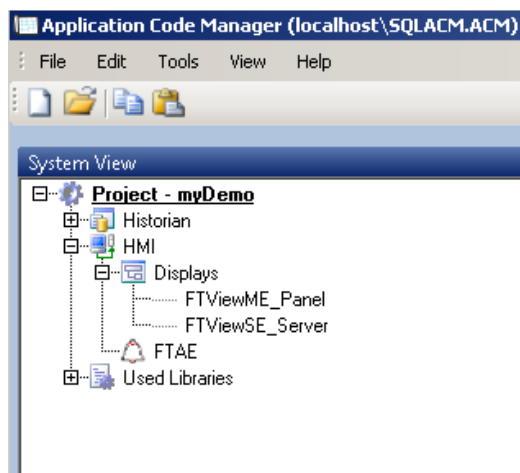
HMI Objects are organized in a 3-level hierarchy:

HMI > Displays > Object

and

HMI > FTAE > Object

The following Project includes Objects (instances) in two Library Categories (Displays and FactoryTalk® Alarms and Events [FTAE]).



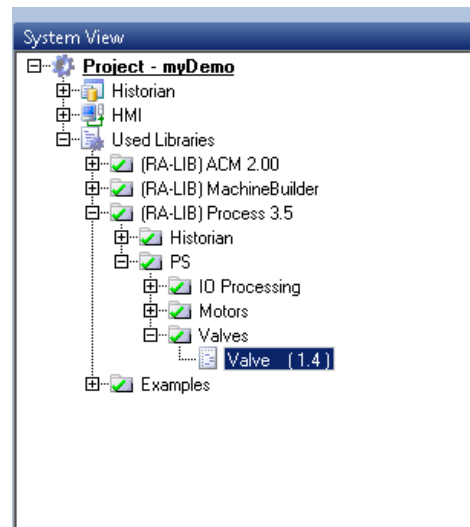
Used Libraries Branch

The **Used Libraries** branch in the Main GUI Project Tree View displays the Libraries (classes) that are used in the Project.

Libraries are organized in a 4-level hierarchy:

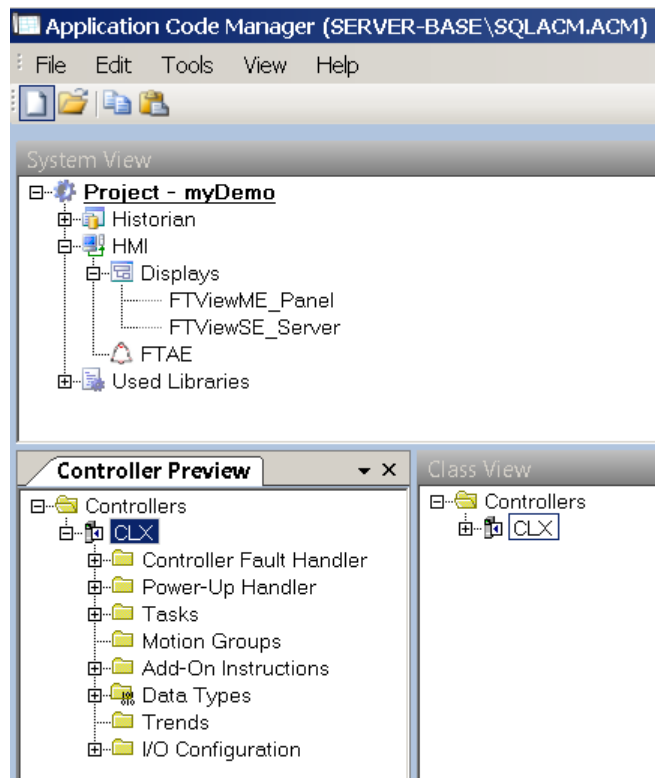
- > Solution
 - > Library Type
 - > Library Category
 - > Library Catalog Number (Library Version)

The following Project includes one Valve Object (instance).



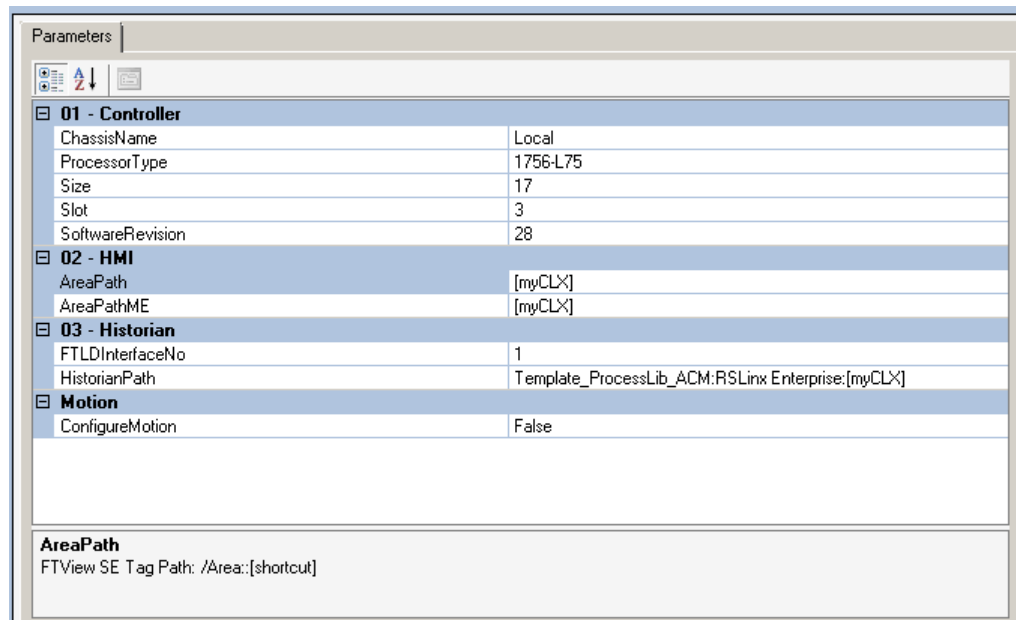
Controller and Class Panes

The **Controller Preview** and **Class View** panes in the Main GUI Project Tree View contains all Controller Objects (instances) in the Project.



Main GUI Object Parameter Dialog

The Main GUI Object Parameter dialog displays the Parameters and Sub-Objects for the currently selected Object. This is the dialog for a typical Project Object.



The Parameters for the Object highlighted in the Main GUI Project Tree View are displayed on the Parameters tab.

Parameters can be displayed in groups (for example, 00 – Project Definition) or alphabetically by clicking the appropriate sort button:



- Sort in Groups



-Sort Alphabetically

The Parameter name (for example, ChassisName) is shown in the column on the left and the Parameter value (for example, Local) is shown in the column on the right. Parameter values can be changed by typing a new value in the right column.

A description of the selected parameter is displayed at the bottom of the Main GUI Object Parameter Dialog.

The **Apply changes** command is available when an Object or Sub-Object Parameter value is changed. Click the **Apply changes** command to save the changes to the ACM Database.

The ACM version is also shown in the Main GUI Object Parameter dialog.

Sub-Object Parameters Tab

Some Objects have additional tabs for Sub-Object Parameters, (for example, analog input of a 1756-IF16). Sub-Object Parameters are shown on a **Sub-Object Parameters** tab. The tab is labeled with the Sub-Object Display Name.

Each row in the **Sub-Object Parameters** tab represents a Sub-Object (instance).

The Sub-Object name is shown in the Name column. Additional columns display the Sub-Object Parameters (for example, Channel). The Sub-Object name and the Sub-Object Parameter values can be changed by typing a new value below the column header.

The Sub-Object name can be configured as read-only. When the Sub-Object name is read-only, the value is shown dimmed.

The Basic Project **Sub-Object Parameters** tab is shown.

The screenshot shows the Rockwell Automation software interface. On the left is the **System View** tree, which includes a **Project - Existing COP** folder containing **Historian**, **HMI**, and **Used Libraries**. Below this is the **Controller Preview** pane, showing a tree of controllers including **CLX**, **Controller Fault Handler**, **Power-Up Handler**, **Tasks**, **Motion Groups**, **Add-On Instructions**, **Data Types**, **Trends**, **I/O Configuration**, and **Backplane**. The **Backplane** folder is expanded, showing a list of modules: **[1] 1756-CN2R/C Local_01**, **[4] 1756-IF16 Local_04** (selected), **[5] 1756-OF8 Local_05**, and **[7] 1756-CN2/C Local_07**. To the right of the System View is the **Class View** pane, showing a tree of classes including **Controllers** and **CLX**. The main area of the interface displays the **Sub-Object Parameters** tab for the selected **1756-IF16 Local_04** module. This tab contains a table with the following data:

Name	Reference	Reference Description	Channel
Local_04_00			0
Local_04_01			1
Local_04_02			2
Local_04_03			3
Local_04_04			4
Local_04_05			5
Local_04_06			6
Local_04_07			7
Local_04_08			8
Local_04_09			9
Local_04_10			10

Below the table, there are input fields for **Name** (Local_04), **Description** (16 Channel Non-Isolated Voltage/Current Analog Input), **Catalog Number** (1756-IF16 (2.1) - Published), and **Solution** (RA-LIB) ACM 2.00).

By default, the Sub-Objects are sorted alphabetically by name. The Sub-Objects can be sorted in groups by clicking on a column header. Execute the Reset Grouping command in the Sub-Objects context menu to apply the default sorting. Refer to [Sub-Object Context Menu on page 61](#) for more information.

Double-clicking on a column header border will resize the column width.

Main GUI Menu Bar

Chapter Objectives

This chapter provides information on the following topics:

- [Main GUI Button Bar](#)
- [Main GUI File Menu](#)
- [Main GUI Edit Menu](#)
- [Main GUI Tools Menu](#)
- [Main GUI View Menu](#)
- [Main GUI Help Menu](#)

The Main GUI Menu Bar is shown.



This table describes the **Main GUI Menu Bar** selections.





File	Create, open, and delete ACM Projects in the connected ACM Database. Refer to Main GUI File Menu on page 38 for more information.
Edit	Undo, redo, cut, copy, paste, and select commands. Refer to Main GUI Edit Menu on page 43 section for more information.
Tools	Provides commands to open the Import Export Manager, the Database Manager, and the Settings dialog. A command to log debug information in the ACM Log File and a command to view the ACM Log File is also provided. Refer to Main GUI Tools Menu on page 43 for more information.
View	Controller Preview, System View, Class View, Float All, and Default Layout viewing choices. Refer to Main GUI View Menu on page 46 for more information.
Help	Access an online website and display information about the current ACM installation. Refer to Main GUI Help Menu on page 47 for more information.

Main GUI Button Bar

The Main GUI Button Bar is shown.

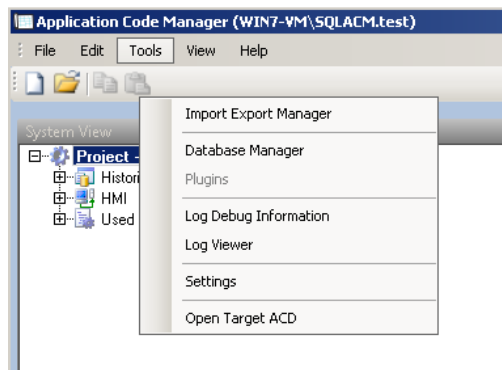


This table describes each **Main GUI Button Bar** command.

	Refer to the New Project command in Main GUI File Menu on page 38 .
	Refer to the Apply Changes command in Main GUI Object Parameter Dialog on page 35 .
	Refer to the Copy command in Main GUI Edit Menu on page 43 .
	Refer to the Paste command in Main GUI Edit Menu on page 43 .

Main GUI File Menu

The Main GUI File Menu commands is shown.

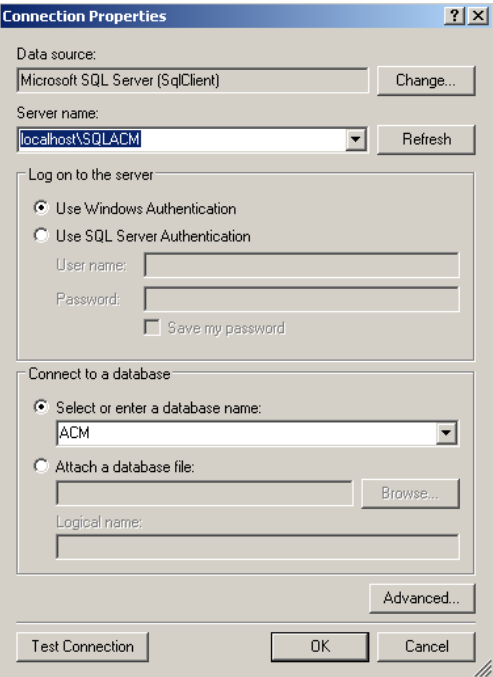


This table describes the **Main GUI File Menu** commands.

Connect	Connects the ACM to an ACM Database. Refer to Connecting to an ACM Database on page 39 for more information.
New Project	Creates a new Project in the connected ACM Database. Refer to Creating a New Project on page 41 for more information.
New Project from Existing Project...	Copies an existing Project to a new Project in the connected ACM Database. Refer to Copying an Existing Project on page 42 for more information.
Open	Opens an existing Project in the connected ACM Database. Choose an ACM Project from the list.
Delete	Deletes an existing Project in the connected ACM Database. Choose an ACM Project from the list. Important: Deleted Projects cannot be recovered.
Recent Projects	Opens a recent project. Choose an ACM Project from the list.
Exit	Closes the ACM application.

Connecting to an ACM Database

Display the Connection Properties dialog by executing the Connect command in the Main GUI File Menu.



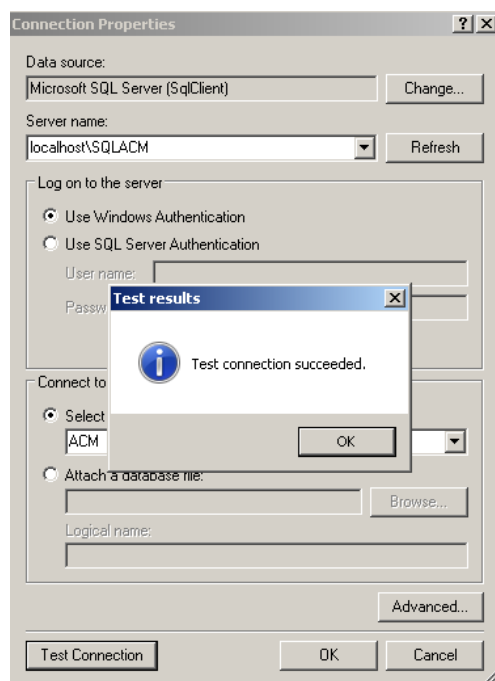
This table describes the contents of the **Connection Properties** dialog.

Data source:	Database type. Always select Microsoft SQL Server (SqlClient).
Server name:	Selects a computer name and SQL server instance from a pull-down list or enter a computer name and SQL server instance in the following format: <Computer Name> \ <SQL Server Instance>
Log on to the server Use Window Authentication	Allows SQL server log on using Windows authentication.
Log on to server Use SQL Server Authentication	Allows SQL server log on using SQL server authentication.
Connect to a database Select or enter a database name:	Select a database name from a pull-down list or enter a database name.
Connect to a database Attach a database file:	Type a database file name or use the Browse button to search for a file.
Test Connection	Tests the connection to the database. If a "Test connection succeeded." message is not returned, check the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer name• SQL Server authentication• Network access (remote SQL Server)
Advanced	Select to specify advanced connections to the database.

Enter a computer name, a SQL server instance, and the SQL server authentication. Contact the database administrator for the computer name, the SQL server instance, and the SQL server authentication if you did not install this SQL server instance.

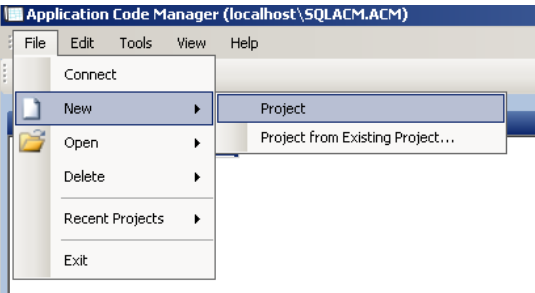
Select or enter a database name. Contact the database creator for the database name if you did not create the database.

TIP After entering the Connection Properties, test the connection by executing the Test Connection command and confirm the correct database name is displayed in the Main GUI Title Bar. Refer to [Main GUI Title Bar on page 28](#) for more information.

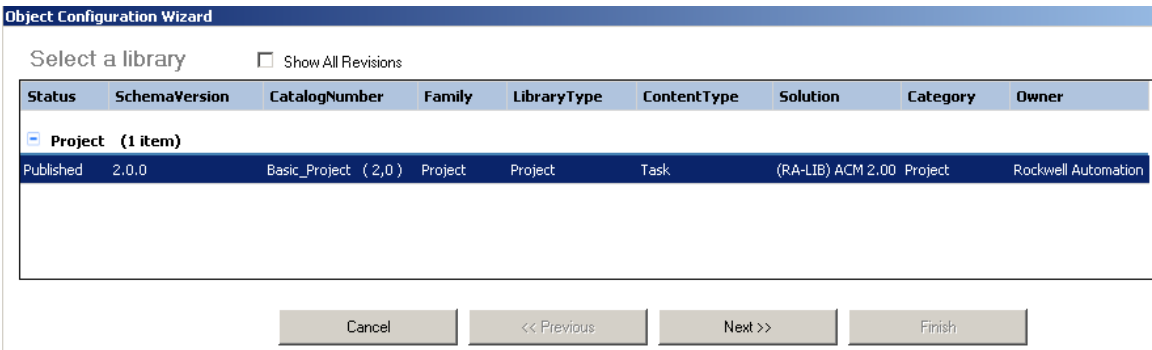


Creating a New Project

Create a new project when the new project is not similar to existing projects.

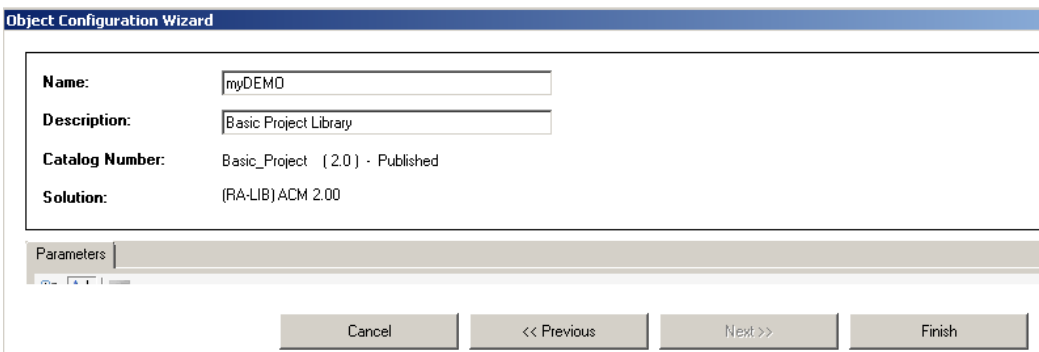


Click **File** in the Main GUI menu. Select **New** and right-click on **Project**. The **Object Configuration Wizard** is displayed.



Click the + symbol to expand the Library Category and display the Libraries registered in the connected ACM Database. Highlight the Library that will be used and click **Next**.

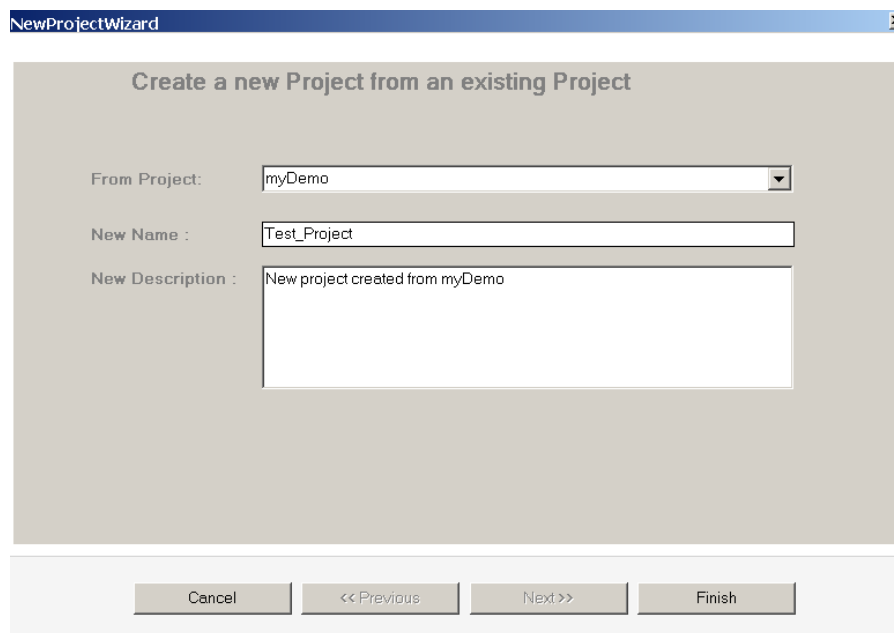
Select a Project Library by highlighting a row and clicking **Next**.



Enter a unique name in the **Name** field. Enter a description in the **Description** field and click **Finish**.

Copying an Existing Project

Click **File** in the Main GUI menu. Select **New** and right-click on **Project from Existing Project**. The **New Project Wizard** is displayed.



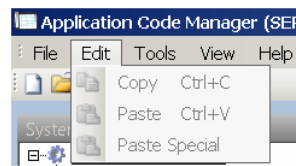
The screenshot shows a window titled "NewProjectWizard" with a close button in the top right corner. The main area has a title "Create a new Project from an existing Project". Below this, there are three input fields: "From Project:" with a pull-down menu showing "myDemo", "New Name :" with a text box containing "Test_Project", and "New Description :" with a text box containing "New project created from myDemo". At the bottom, there are four buttons: "Cancel", "<< Previous", "Next >>", and "Finish".

Select a Project in the connected ACM Database to be copied in the **From Project** pull-down list.

Type the **New Name** and **New Description** for the new Project and click **Finish**.

Main GUI Edit Menu

The Main GUI Edit Menu commands are shown.

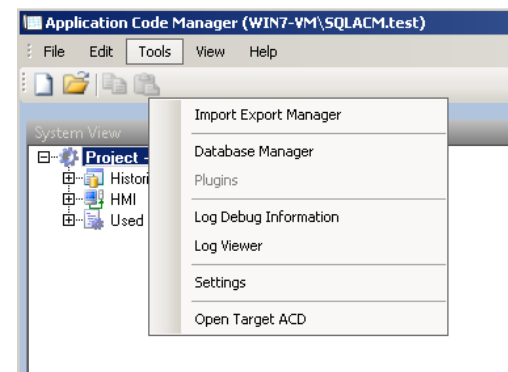


This table describes each **Main GUI Edit Menu** command.

Copy	Copies the selected Project Object.
Paste	Pastes the Project Object.
Paste Special	Pastes the Module in the clipboard to the Controller (local) chassis or as a child to the selected Module with an option to include Children and Sub-Objects. Refer to Using Copy and Paste Special on page 79 for more information.

Main GUI Tools Menu

The Main GUI Tools Menu commands are shown.

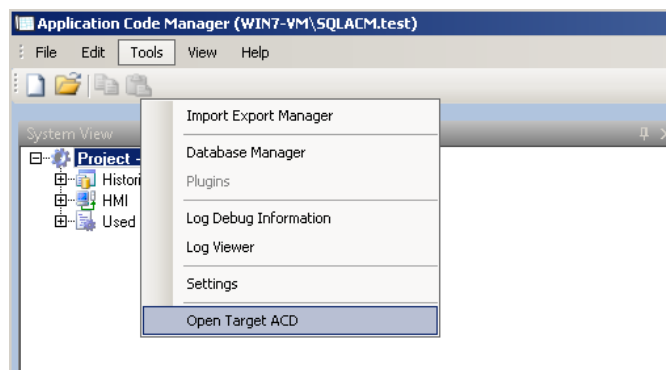


This table describes each **Main GUI Tools Menu** command.

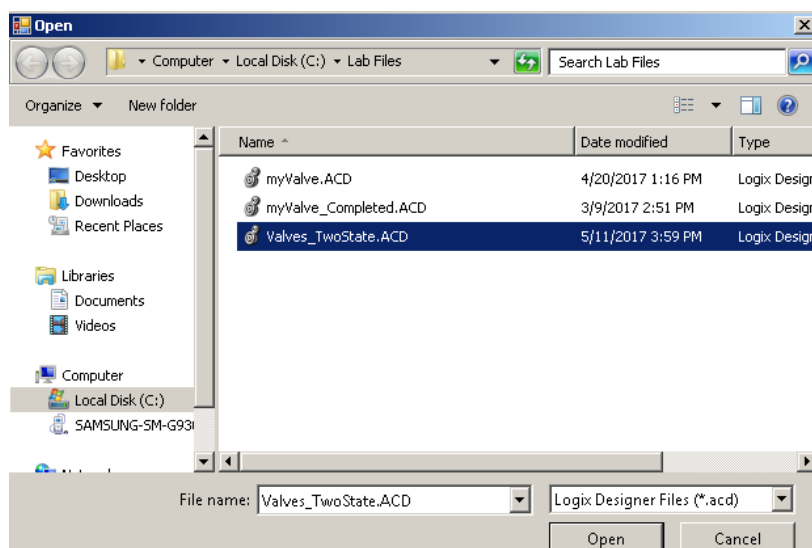
Import Export Manager	Imports/exports ACM Project content to/from an Excel spreadsheet (Schedule). Use for bulk additions, duplications, changes; comparing versions; snapshots; backup customer parameter entry, and/or transferring project contents. Refer to Chapter 9, Import Export Manager for more information.
Database Manager	Creates deletes, upgrades, backs up, and restores ACM Databases. Refer to Chapter 10, Database Manager for more information.
Plugins	Provides access to ACM extensions, tools, or utilities not included with the ACM setup. This menu item is not available until a Plugin is installed.
Log Debug Information	When checked, debug information is included in the ACM Log File. Information is written to the ACM Log File when design outputs are generated (for example, ControlLogix®, FactoryTalk® View, FactoryTalk Historian, Word) or when Schedules are imported or exported.
Log Viewer	Displays the contents of the most recent ACM Log File. A new ACM Log File is created for each ACM session.
Settings	Opens the Settings dialog. The Documentation Template folder is configured in the Settings dialog.
Open Target ACD	Opens the directory and allows navigation to the ACD file location. This feature allows the user to instantiate Library content into an existing file, versus creating a new ACD file.

Opening the Target ACD

Open the Target ACD to add ACM Library content to an existing ACD project.

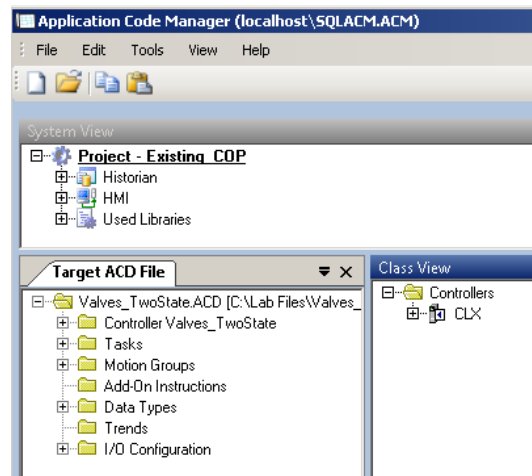


In the Main GUI, click **Tools** and click **Open Target ACD**. The **Open** dialog will display.



Select the desired ACD file and click **Open**.

The **Target ACD File** tab will replace the **Controller Preview** pane.



Drag and drop content from the Registered Libraries or an existing ACM project to the **Target ACD File** tab.

The **Target ACD Generation Wizard** is displayed.

Target ACD Generation Wizard - Object Configuration

Name: XV200a

Description: Water valve

Catalog Number: ValveSO (1.0) - Published

Solution: Examples Task: Program:

Parameters

1.0 Options	
HasOpenLS	False
HasClosedLS	False
2. IO	
DO_Channel	
DO_Address	
DO_ChFault	

HasOpenLS
Does this Valve have Open Limit Switch

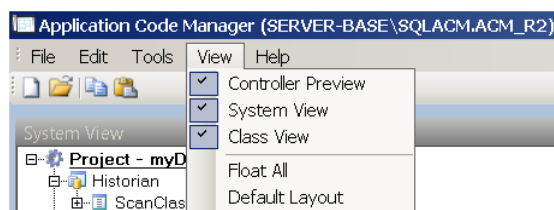
Cancel < Back Next > Finish

Populate the pull-down options displayed.

Click **Finish**.

Main GUI View Menu

The Main GUI View Menu commands are shown.

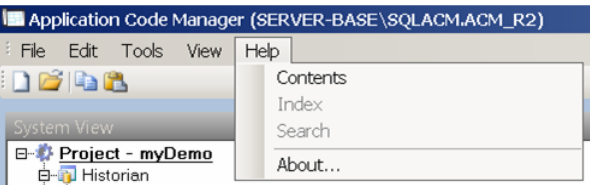


This table describes the **Main GUI View Menu** selections.

Controller Preview	Controller Preview is normally displayed by default. Deselecting the Controller Preview removes the Controller Preview from display. Selecting Controller Preview restores the Controller Preview.
System View	System View is normally displayed by default. Deselecting the System View removes the System View from display. Selecting System View restores the System View.
Class View	Class View is normally displayed by default. Deselecting the Class View removes the Class View from display. Selecting Class View restores the Class View.
Float All	Float All arranges the open viewing panes in a floating or tile fashion.
Default Layout	Default Layout displays the Controller Preview, System View, and Class View.

Main GUI Help Menu

The Main GUI Help Menu commands are shown.



This table describes each **Main GUI Help Menu** command.

Contents	Opens the <i>Application Code Manager User Manual</i> in PDF format
Index	Not available
Search	Not available
About...	Displays the About Application Code Manager dialog. Refer to Interpreting the About Application Code Manager Dialog on page 47 for more information.

Interpreting the About Application Code Manager Dialog

Display the **About Application Code Manager** dialog by executing the About command in the Main GUI Help Menu.

The **About Application Code Manager** dialog displays the ACM version, copyright information, activation information, and support information.



Notes:

System View Context Menu Commands

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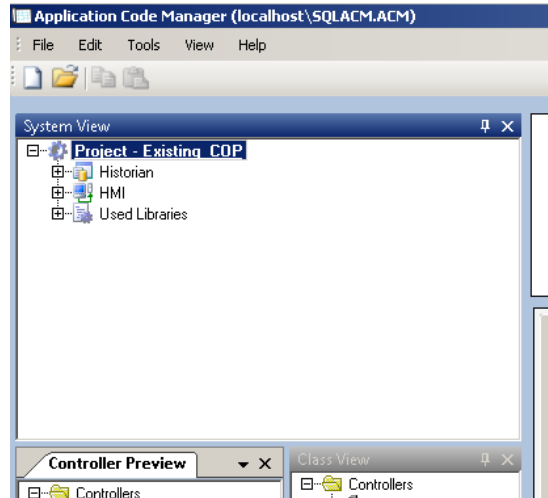
This chapter contains information on the System View context menu commands and the use of those commands.

- [Project Context Menu](#)
- [Historian Context Menu](#)
- [Historian Category Context Menu](#)
- [Historian Object Context Menu](#)
- [HMI Context Menu](#)
- [HMI Category Context Menu](#)
- [HMI Object Context Menu](#)
- [Project Libraries Context Menu](#)
- [Sub-Object Context Menu](#)

Each command only appears at the applicable level of the System View branch.

Project Context Menu

The Project Context Menu is available in the **System View** pane by right-clicking the Project branch in the **System View** Project tree view.



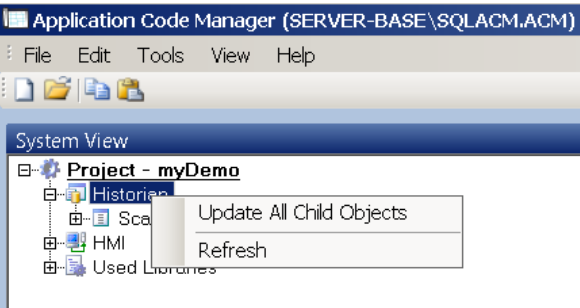
This table describes each **Project Context Menu** command. Commands appear at the applicable level of the tree.

View Project History	Displays a report showing the Project History. Refer to Viewing Project History on page 128 for more information.
Export	Starts the Import Export Manager . Refer to Chapter 9, Import Export Manager for more information.
Import	Starts the Import Export Manager . Refer to Chapter 9, Import Export Manager for more information.
Delete	Deletes the selected Object.
Rename	Renames the selected Object.
Refresh	Refreshes the tree view.
Update All Child Objects	Opens the Update Used Libraries window. Refer to Updating a Project Library on page 58 for more information.
Add	Adds a new Object (instance) to the selected Category. Refer to Adding a New Historian Object on page 52 or Adding a New HMI Object on page 55 for more information.
Paste	Pastes a copied Object in the selected location.
Copy	Copies the selected Object.
Update	Displays the Update Used Library dialog. Refer to Updating a Project Library on page 58 for more information.
Generate Historian	Generates a copy of the selected Historian Object from ACM. The Historian Object is saved to an external folder. Refer to Generating a Historian Object on page 53 for more information.
Generate Displays	Generates a copy of the selected Displays Object from ACM. The Display Object is saved to an external folder. Refer to Generating a Display on page 56 for more information.
View Project Library Usage Count	Displays the Project Library Usage report for the selected Object. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Project Library per Solution	Displays the Project Library Usage per Solution report for the selected Object. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.

View Project Library Usage per Library Type	Displays the Project Library Usage per Solution, Library Type report for the selected Object. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Project Library Usage per Category	Displays the Project Library Usage per Solution, Library Type, Category report for the selected Object. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Project Library Usage per Library	Displays the Project Library Usage per Library report for the selected Object. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
Add New	Adds a new Sub-Object to the Historian or HMI tree. Refer to Adding a New Sub-Object on page 61 for more information.
Delete	Deletes the selected Sub-Object (highlighted in the Sub-Object Point Type or Display tab).
Reset Grouping	Sorts the Sub-Objects in the Sub-Object Display tab alphabetically by name (default). Refer to Sub-Object Parameters Tab on page 36 for more information.

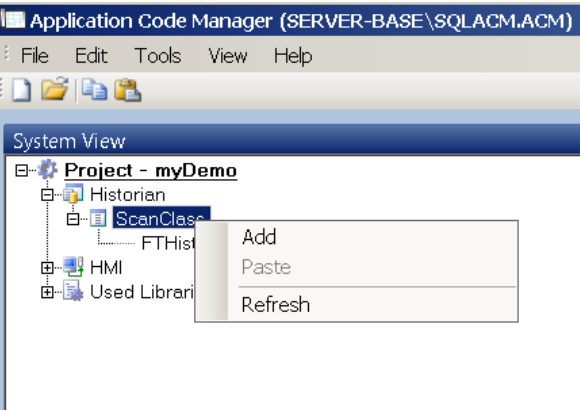
Historian Context Menu

The Historian Context Menu is available by right-clicking the Historian branch in the **System View** Project tree view.



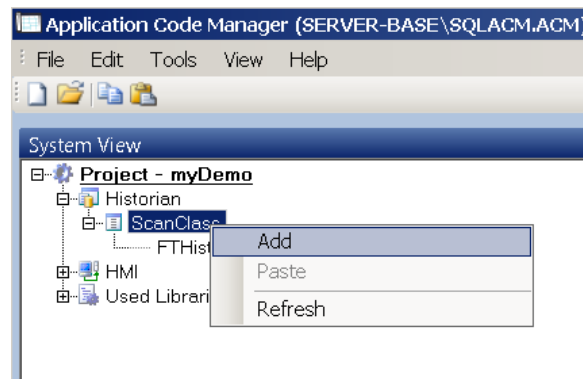
Historian Category Context Menu

The Historian Category Context Menu is available by right-clicking a Historian Category (for example, ScanClass) branch in the **System View** Project tree view.



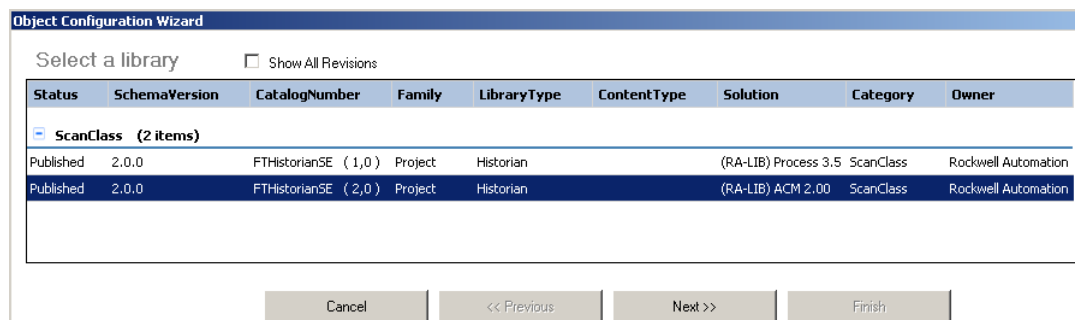
Adding a New Historian Object

Select a Historian Object at the location of the new Object.



Right-click to open the Historian Category Context Menu and click **Add**.

The **Object Configuration Wizard** is displayed.



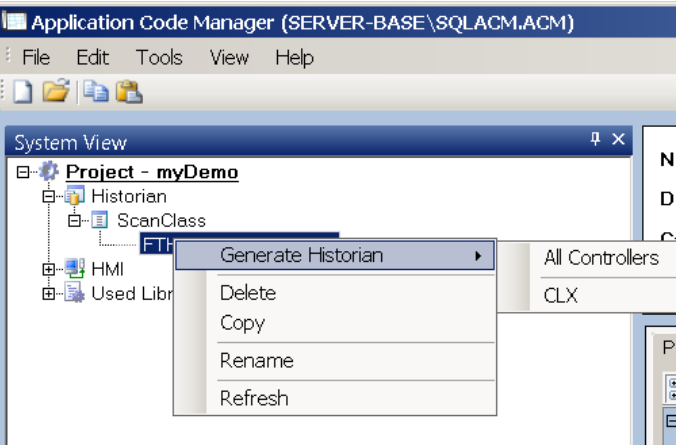
Click the + symbol to expand a Library Category and display the Historian Libraries registered in the connected ACM Database.

Select a Historian Library by highlighting a row and clicking **Next**.

Click **Finish** to add the Historian Object.

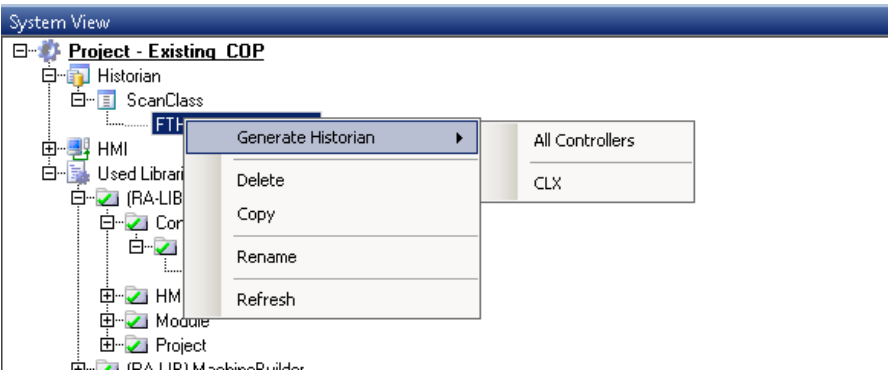
Historian Object Context Menu

The Historian Object Context Menu is available by right-clicking a Historian Object branch in the **System View** Project tree view.

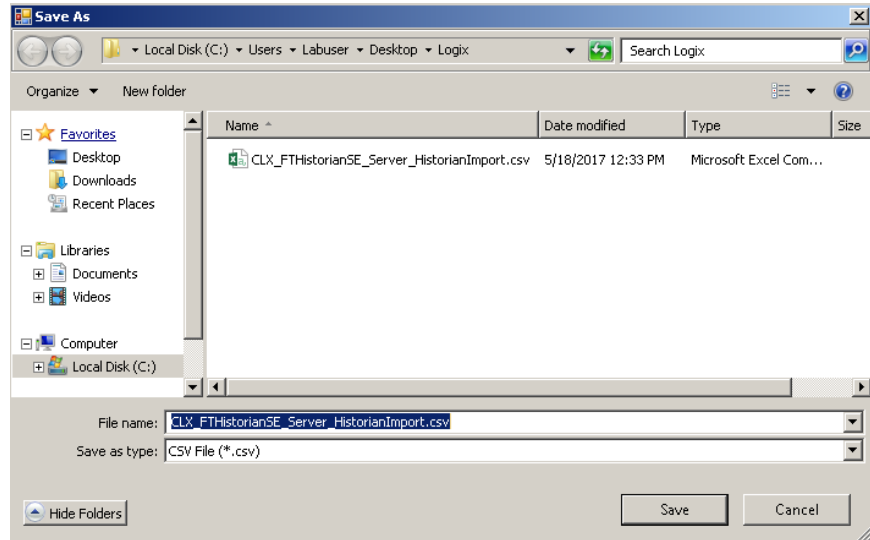


Generating a Historian Object

Generates and exports a Historian Object to an external folder. This file can then be imported into other projects.



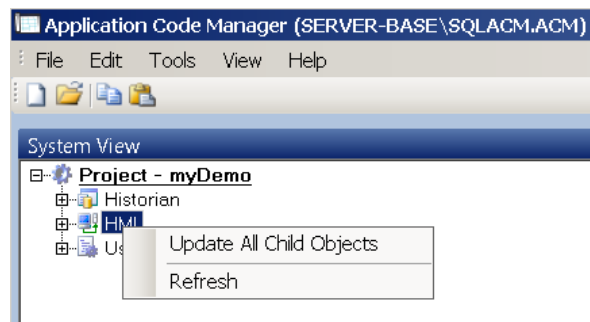
Select the Historian Object that will be exported and right-click. Click on **All Controllers** or a specific controller.



Determine the save location and click **Save**. Click **OK** to export the Object.

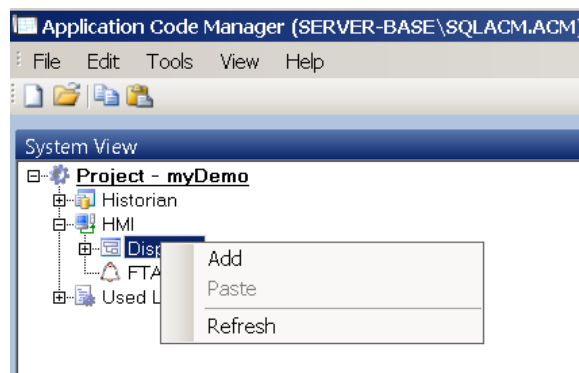
HMI Context Menu

The HMI Context Menu is available by right-clicking the HMI branch in the **System View** Project tree view.



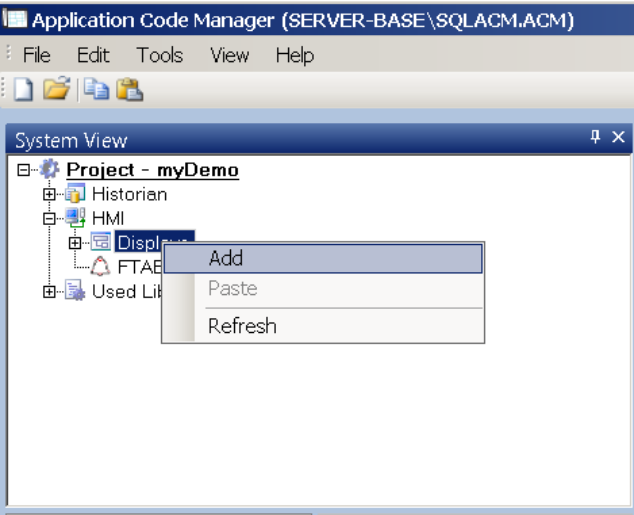
HMI Category Context Menu

The HMI Category Context Menu is available by right-clicking an HMI Category (for example, Displays) branch in the **System View** Project tree view.



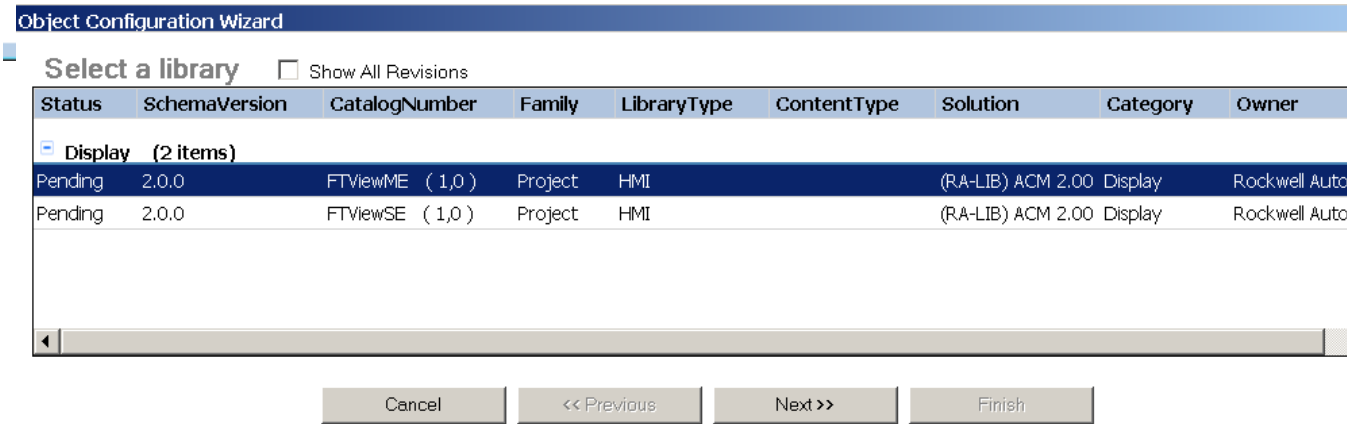
Adding a New HMI Object

Select an HMI Object at the location of the new Object.



Right-click to open the HMI Category Context Menu and click **Add**.

The **Object Configuration Wizard** is displayed.



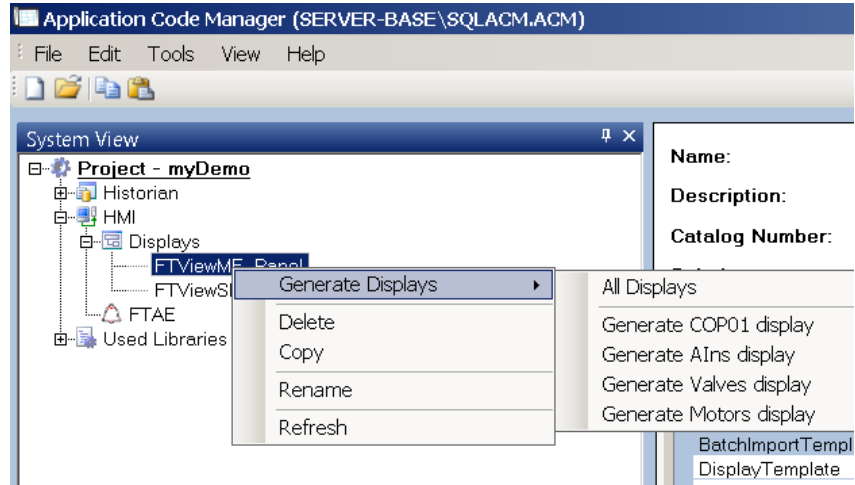
Click the + symbol to expand a Library Category and display the HMI Libraries registered in the connected ACM Database.

Select an HMI Library by highlighting a row and clicking **Next**.

Click **Finish** to add the HMI Object.

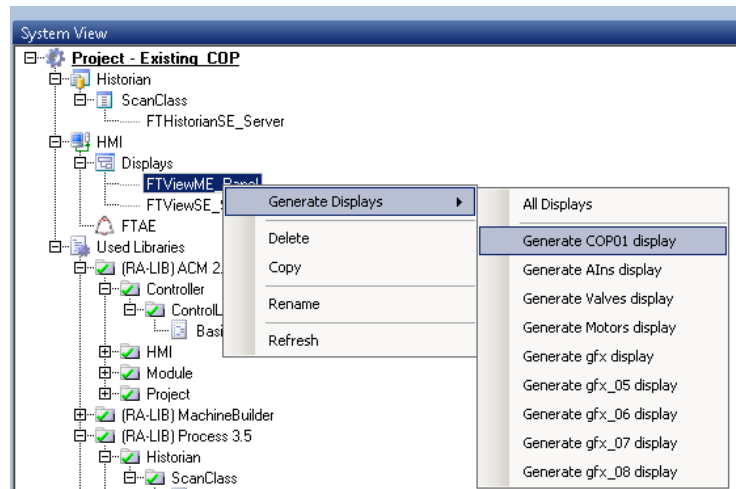
HMI Object Context Menu

The HMI Object Context Menu is available by right-clicking an HMI Object (for example, FTViewME_Panel) branch in the **System View** Project tree view.

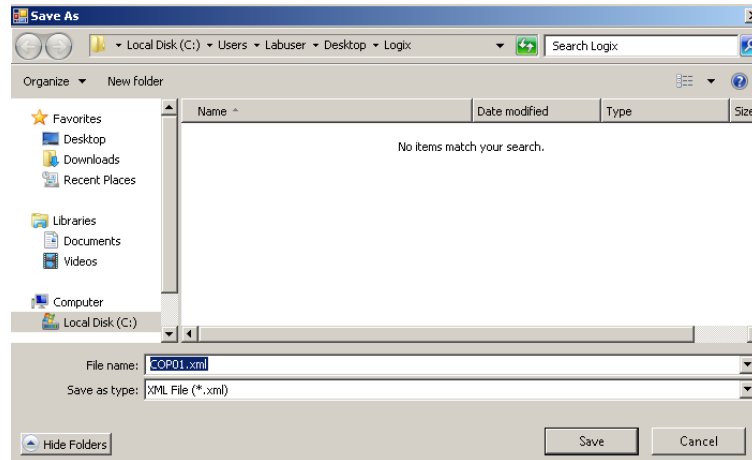


Generating a Display

Creates the **HMI** design output for a specific display.



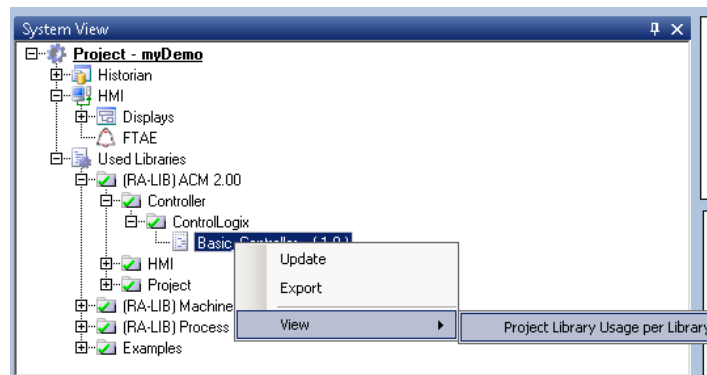
Select the Display Object that will be exported and right-click. Click on **All Displays** or a specific display.



Determine the save location and click **Save**. Click **OK**.

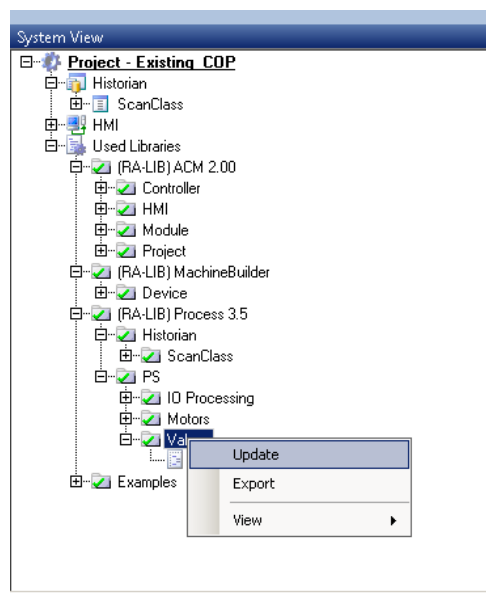
Project Libraries Context Menu

The Project Libraries Context Menu is available by right-clicking any Library branch in the **System View** Project tree view.



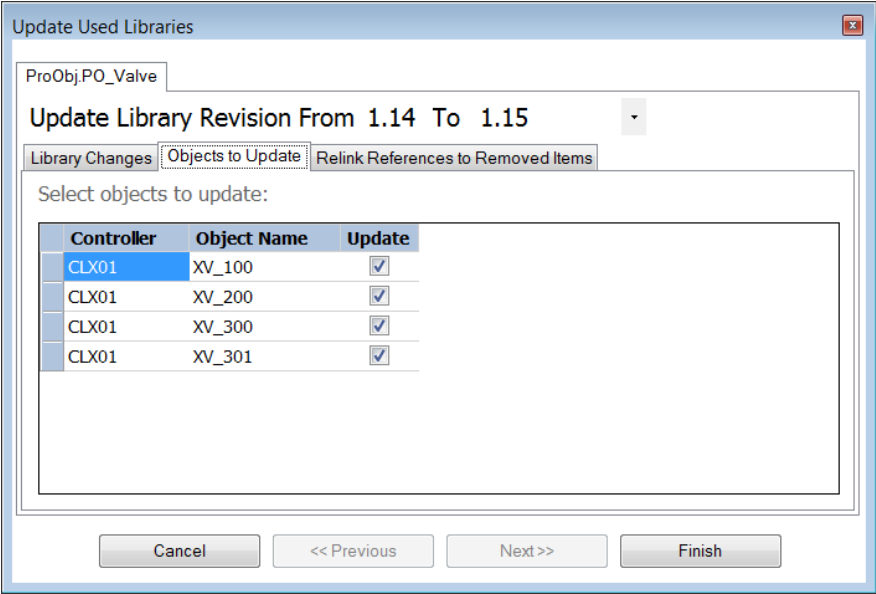
Updating a Project Library

In the **Used Libraries** branch, select a Project Library or branch containing the libraries to be updated. Library versions are shown in parenthesis.



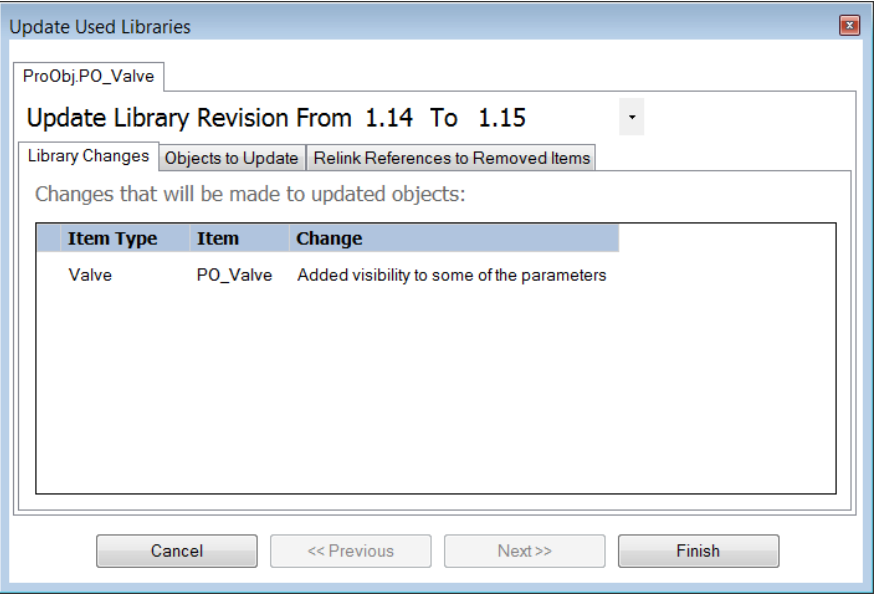
Right-click and click **Update**.

The **Update Used Libraries** dialog is displayed.

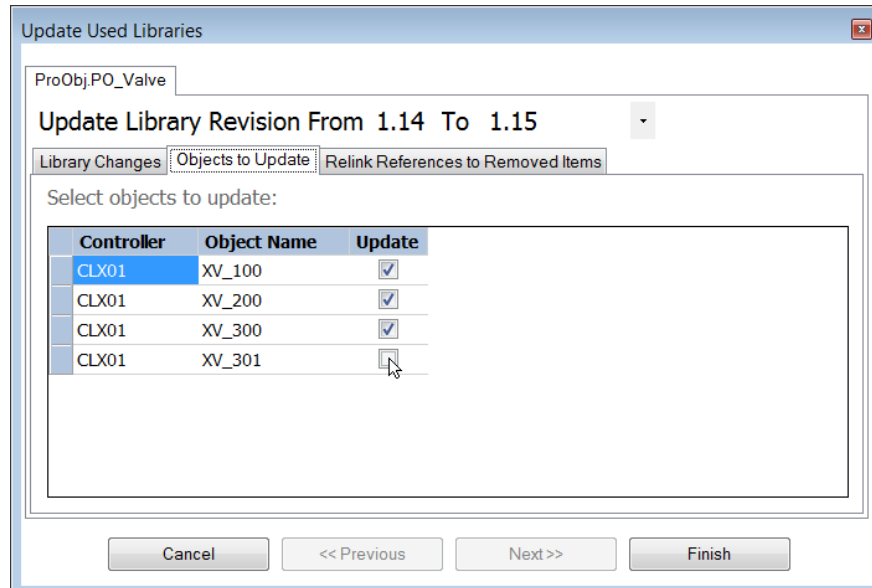


A tab is shown for each Library in the selected Project Library Tree View branch. Libraries with available updates will have different revisions (1.14 To 1.15 in example).

Parameter changes for the new version are identified on the **Library Changes** sub-tab.

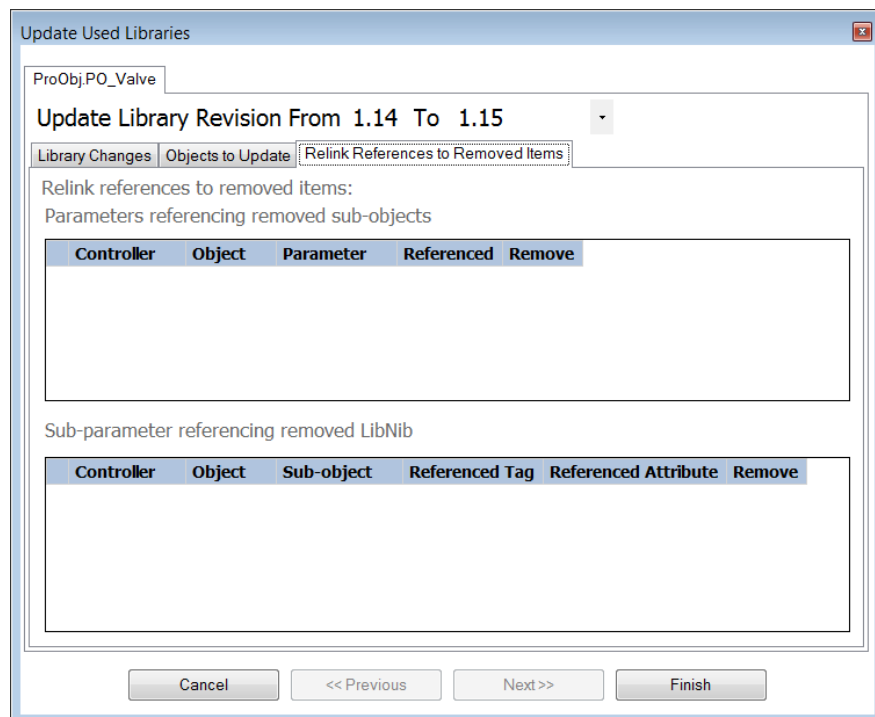


Project Objects (instances) referencing the Project Library can be deselected or selected using the **Objects to Update** sub-tab.



Deselect any libraries that will not be updated.

Parameters and sub-parameters can be relinked on the **Relink References to Removed Items** sub-tab.

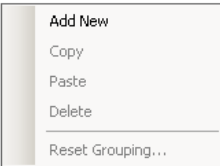


Click **Finish**.

Sub-Object Context Menu

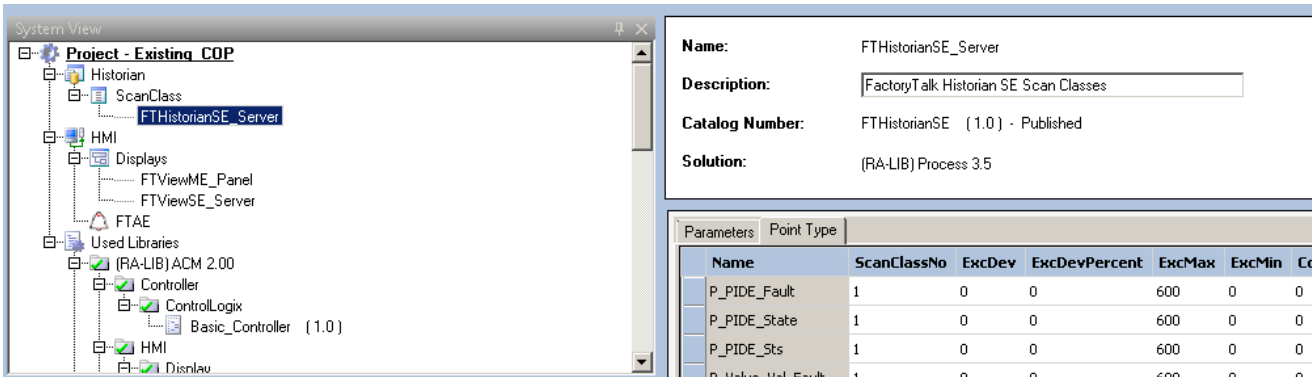
The Sub-Object Context Menu is available by right-clicking the white space in any **Sub-Object Parameters** tab. Refer to [Sub-Object Parameters Tab on page 36](#) for more information.

TIP Sub-Objects reside at the deepest level of the **Historian** and **HMI** branches.



Adding a New Sub-Object

Select the **Historian** or **HMI** object to which the Sub-Object will be added.



Select the **Point Type** tab (**Displays** tab for HMI objects).

Name: FTHistorianSE_Server
Description: FactoryTalk Historian SE Scan Classes
Catalog Number: FTHistorianSE (1.0) - Published
Solution: (RA-LIB) Process 3.5

Name	ScanClassNo	ExcDev	ExcDevPercent	ExcMax	ExcMin	CompDev	CompDevPercent	CompMax
P_PIDE_Fault	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_PIDE_State	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_PIDE_Sts	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_Valve_Val_Fault	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_Valve_Val_Sts	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_ValveC_Val_Fault	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_ValveC_Val_Sts	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_ValveMP_Val_Fault	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_ValveMP_Val_Sts	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_VSD_Val_Fault	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_VSD_Val_Sts	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
SrcQ	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800

Version: 2.00.00 (INT_V2.01_A26)

Context Menu: Add New, Copy, Paste, Delete, Reset Grouping...

Apply changes...

Right-click in the white space below the Objects shown in the tab. Click **Add New**.

Resetting the Grouping of Sub-Objects

Select the **Historian** or **HMI** object to which the Sub-Object will be added.

Name: FTHistorianSE_Server
Description: FactoryTalk Historian SE Scan Classes
Catalog Number: FTHistorianSE (1.0) - Published
Solution: (RA-LIB) Process 3.5

Name	ScanClassNo	ExcDev	ExcDevPercent	ExcMax	ExcMin	CompDev	CompDevPercent	CompMax
BatchAct		0		600	0	0	0	28800
Float32	25	0.25		600	0	0.5	0.5	28800
P_AIn_Val_Fault (1 item)								
P_AIn_Val_Fault	1	0	0	600	0	0	0	28800
P_AOut_Val_Fault (1 item)								

Context Menu: Add New, Copy, Paste, Delete, Reset Grouping...

Double-click on the **Name** header and click on **Reset Grouping**.

Controller Preview and Class View Context Menu Commands

Chapter Objectives

This chapter contains information on the Controller Preview and Class View context menu commands and the use of those commands.

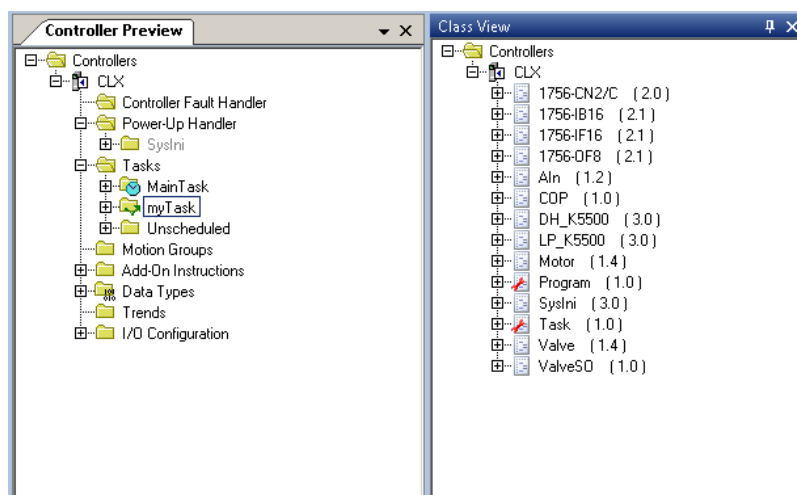
This chapter provides information on the following topics:

- [Controller Context Menu](#)
- [Hardware Context Menu](#)
- [Software Branch Context Menus](#)

Each command only appears at the applicable level of the Controller Preview and Class View branches.

Controller Context Menu

The Controller Context Menu is available by right-clicking any Controller branch in the **Controller Preview** or **Class View** pane.

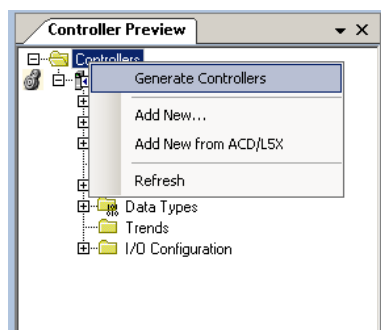


This table describes each **Controller Context Menu** command. Commands appear at the applicable level of the tree.

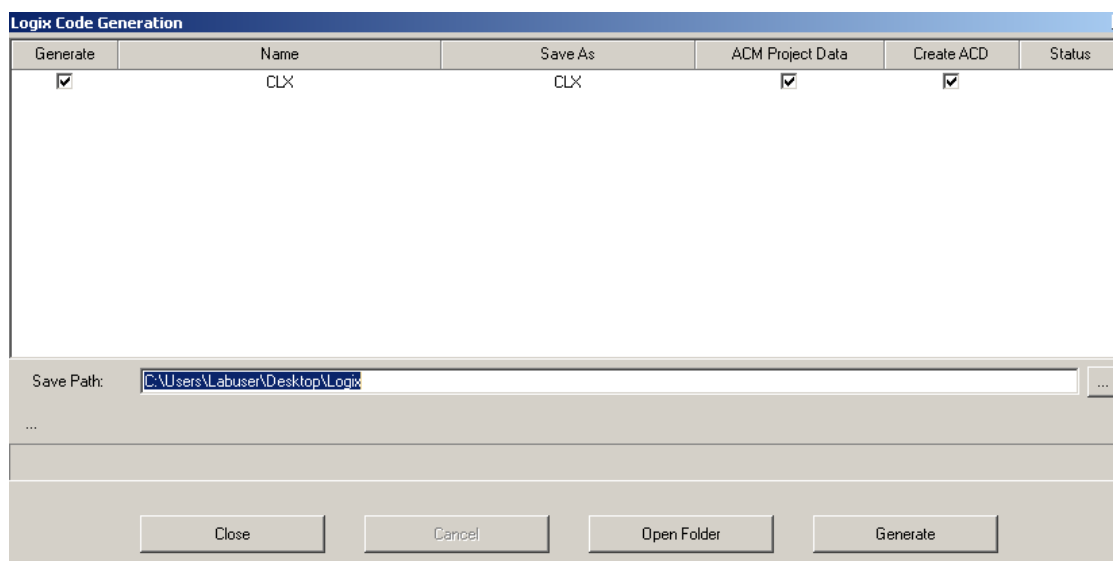
Controller	
Generate Controller	Generates a copy of the selected Display Object from ACM. Displays the Logix Code Generation dialog. Generates code (for example, L5X) for the selected Controller. Refer to Creating a New Controller on page 66 for more information.
Add New	Adds an existing Controller Object (Instance) using the Object Configuration Wizard. Refer to Adding a New Controller on page 67 for more information.
Add New from ACD/L5X	Adds new objects from an ACD or L5X file.
Update from ACD/L5X	Updates the ACM project based on an existing file.
Detach from ACD/L5X	Removes the link between the ACM project and the existing ACD or L5X file.
Merge Controller	Merges content between the original ACM project, updated ACM project, and existing ACD or L5X file.
Add New Program	Adds a new Controller Object (Instance) using the Object Configuration Wizard.
Add New Task	Adds a new task using the Object Configuration Wizard.
Paste	Pastes the contents of the clipboard to the selected Controller.
Paste Special	Pastes the contents of the clipboard to the selected Controller with options. Refer to Using Copy and Paste Special on page 79 for more information.
Generate Partial Program	Displays the Logix Code Generation dialog. Generates a partial program for the selected Task . Refer to Generating a Partial Program on page 84 for more information.
Generate Partial Routine	Displays the Logix Code Generation dialog. Generates a partial routine for the selected Task . Refer to Generating a Partial Routine on page 86 for more information.
Move Up	Moves the highlighted object up the tree.
Move Down	Moves the highlighted object down the tree.
Set Main Routine	This command is available when multiple Main Routines have been added from different library objects. There can only be one Main Routine. Command will be dimmed if a main routing is selected.
Object	
Export	Starts the Import Export Manager. Refer to Chapter 9, Import Export Manager for more information.

Import	Starts the Import Export Manager. Refer to Chapter 9, Import Export Manager for more information.
Delete	Deletes the selected Object. Refer to Deleting a Referenced Module in Class View on page 82 for more information.
Copy	Copies the selected Object to the clipboard.
Rename	Renames the selected Object.
Update	Updates the selected libraries to the most recent version. Refer to Updating a Project Library on page 58 for more information.
View Project Library Usage per Library	Displays a report showing the Registered Library usage for the selected Library. Available only at a Library branch. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Network Layout	Generates Network Layout report.
View Module I/O Schedule for Rack Module	Displays the I/O Schedule showing rack assignments. Refer to Chapter 11, Reports for more information.
View Chassis Layout	Displays or prints a report with the I/O Modules in the Controller (local) chassis. Pastes the contents of the clipboard to the selected Controller with options. Refer to Chapter 11, Reports for more information.
Add New Instance	Refer to Adding a New Instance on page 87 for more information.
View Object References	Displays the Object References report. Refer to Chapter 11, Reports for more information.
Exclude AOI (Add On Instructions)	Excludes the AOI (included by default). Only available in the Add-On Instructions branch.
Include AOI	Includes the AOI. Only available in the Add-On Instructions branch.
Refresh	Refreshes the tree view.

Creating a New Controller



Display the **Logix Code Generation Wizard** dialog by executing the **Generate Controllers** command in the **Controller Preview** pane.

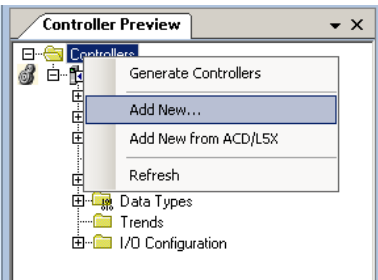


Confirm **ACM Project Data** is selected. If this option is not selected, data will be lost if disaster recovery is required.

Click **Generate**.

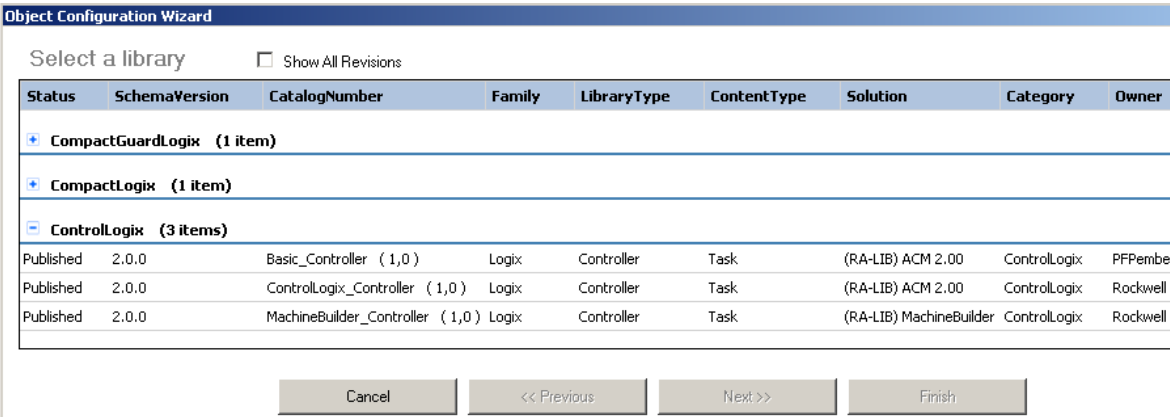
Adding a New Controller

Uses an existing Controller to create a new Controller.



Select the desired folder and right-click **Add New**.

The **Object Configuration Wizard** is displayed.



Click the + symbol to expand a Library Category and display the Controllers.

Controllers registered in the connected ACM Database appear.

Click the desired Controller and click **Next**.

Object Configuration Wizard

Name: DEMO_Controller

Description: Basic Controller Library

Catalog Number: Basic_Controller (1.0) - Published

Solution: (RA-LIB) ACM 2.00

Parameters

01 - Controller	
ChassisName	Local
Slot	0
Size	17
SoftwareRevision	27
ProcessorType	1756-L75
02 - HMI	
AreaPath	/Area:[shortcut]
AreaPathME	[shortcut]

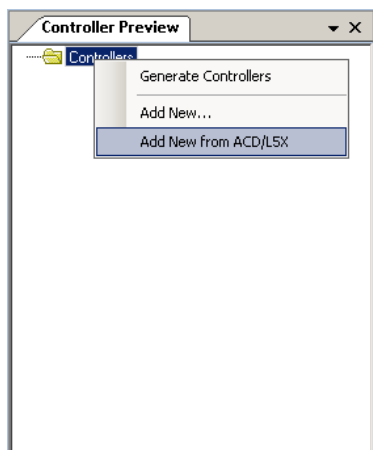
ChassisName
This is the Chassis that this module is located in

Cancel << Previous Next >> Finish

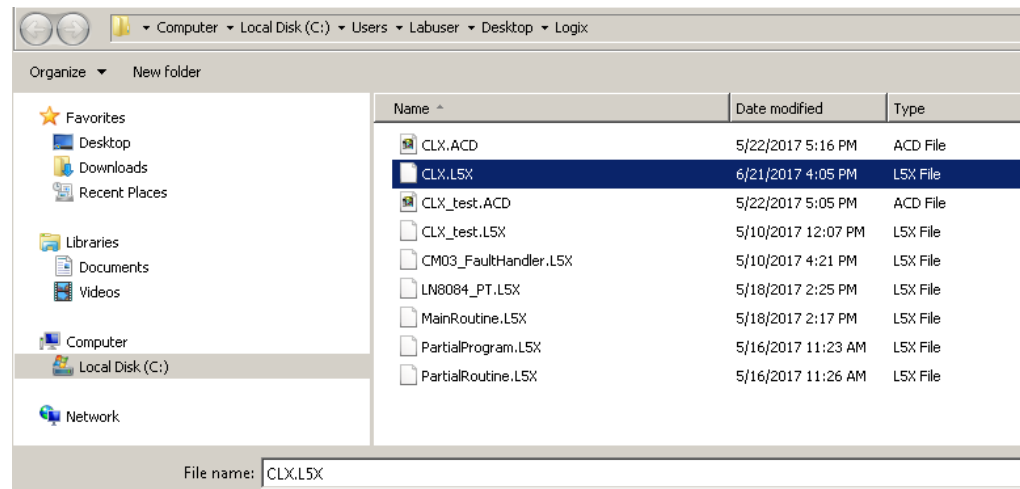
Enter the new name. Adjust parameters as needed and click **Finish**.

Adding New from ACD/L5X Files

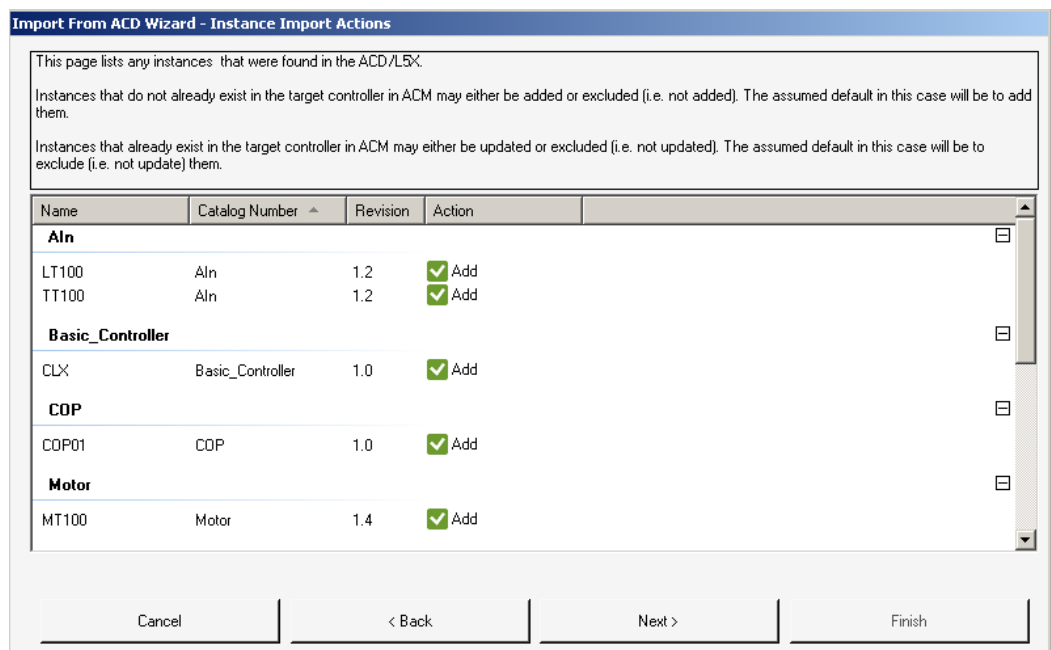
Right-click and select **Add New from ACD/L5X**.



The file selection dialog will display.

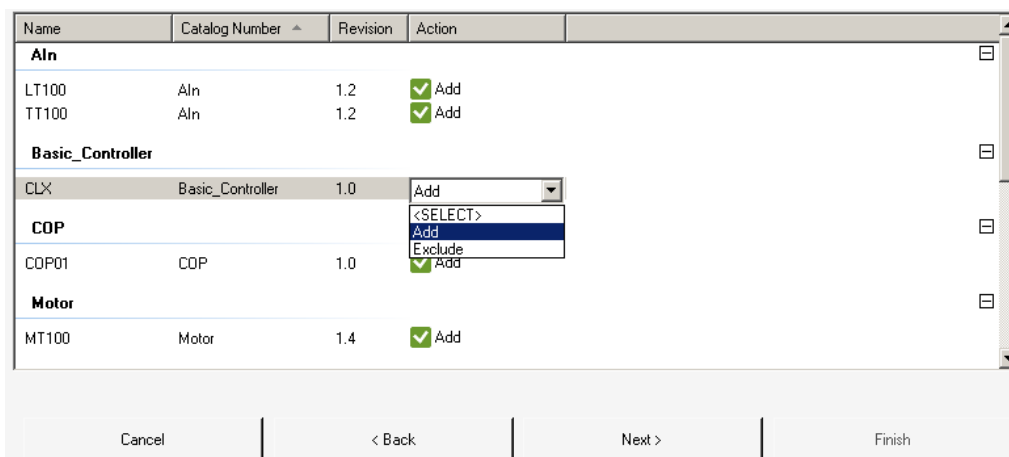


Select the file what will be added. Select **Open**. The **Import From ACD Wizard** dialog will display.

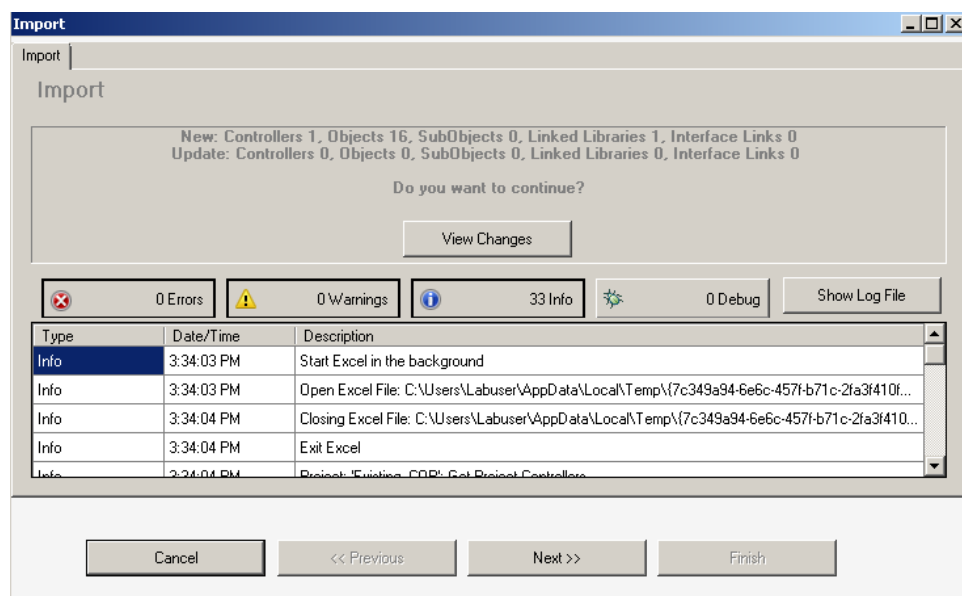


Confirm each object with **Add** in the **Action** column will be imported.

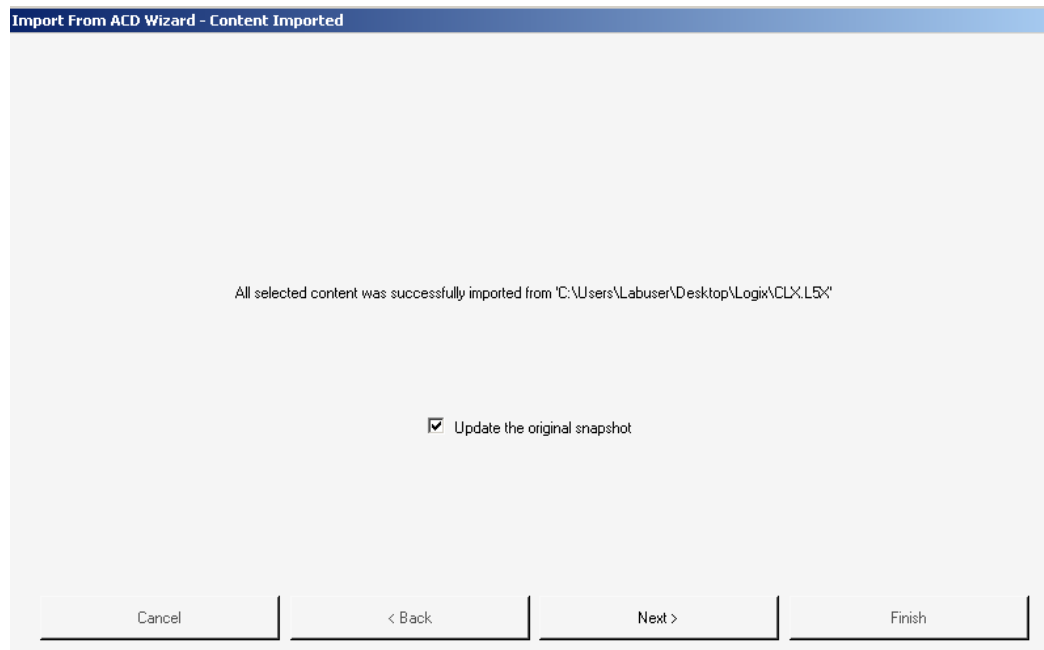
If any objects should not be imported, right-click on **Add** and select **Exclude**.



Select **Next**. The **Import** dialog will display.



Select **Next**. The **Import From ACD Wizard - Content Imported** dialog box will display.

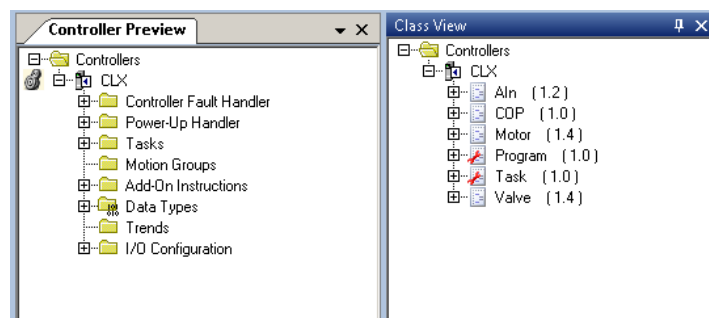


NOTE: Snapshot information is used for the original ACM project data when performing the merge.

NOTE: If all items are excluded, by default **Update the Original Snapshot** will not be checked. If one or more objects are set to update, then **Update the Original Snapshot** will be checked by default.

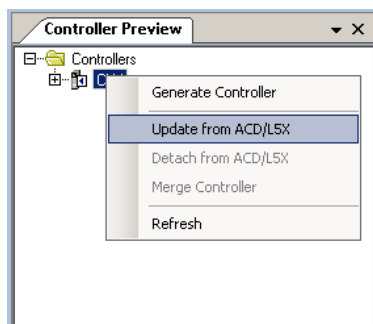
Select **Next**. The **Import From ACD Wizard - Original Snapshot Updated** dialog will display. Select **Finish**.

The new object will appear in the **Controller Preview** pane and **Class View** pane.

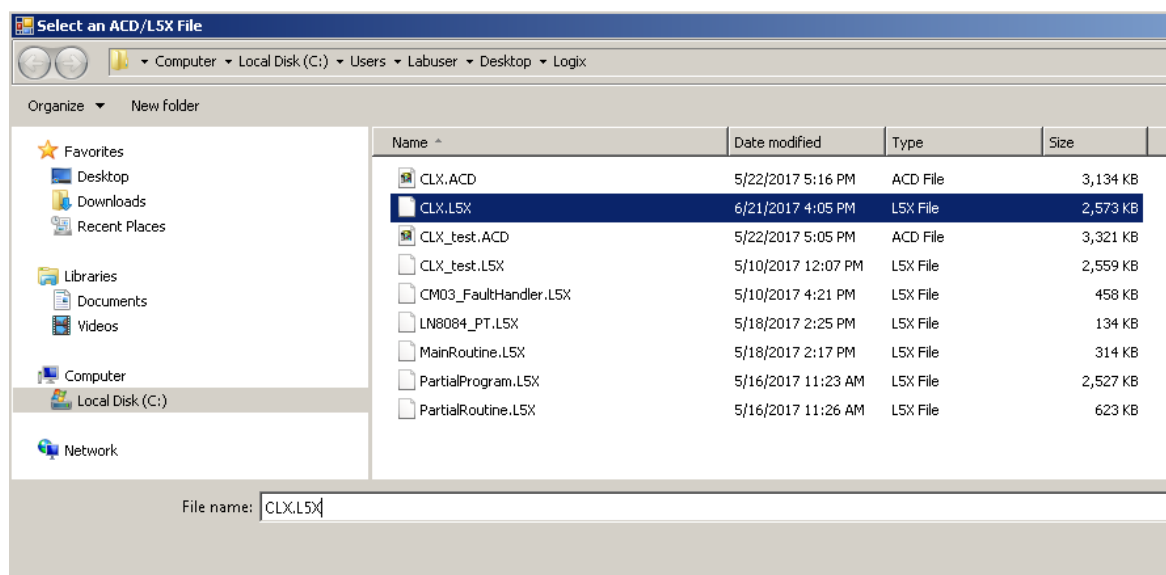


Updating from ACD/L5X Files

Right-click the object that will be updated and select Update from ACD/L5X.



The file selection dialog will display.



Select the update file. The **Import from ACD - Instance Import Actions** dialog will display.

Import From ACD Wizard - Instance Import Actions

This page lists any instances that were found in the ACD/L5X.

Instances that do not already exist in the target controller in ACM may either be added or excluded (i.e. not added). The assumed default in this case will be to add them.

Instances that already exist in the target controller in ACM may either be updated or excluded (i.e. not updated). The assumed default in this case will be to exclude (i.e. not update) them.

Name	Catalog Number	Revision	Action
Aln			
LT100	Aln	1.2	Exclude
TT100	Aln	1.2	Exclude
COP			
COP01	COP	1.0	Exclude
Motor			
MT100	Motor	1.4	Exclude
Program			
COP	Program	1.0	Exclude
Devices	Program	1.0	Exclude

Cancel

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Finish

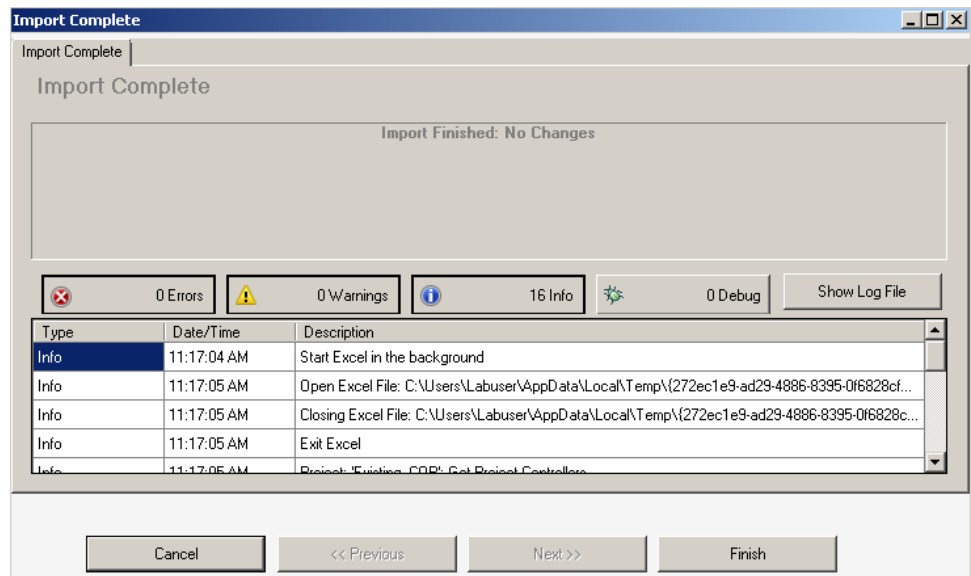
Confirm you wish to import each object with Add in the Action column.

If any objects should not be imported, right-click on **Add** and select **Exclude**.

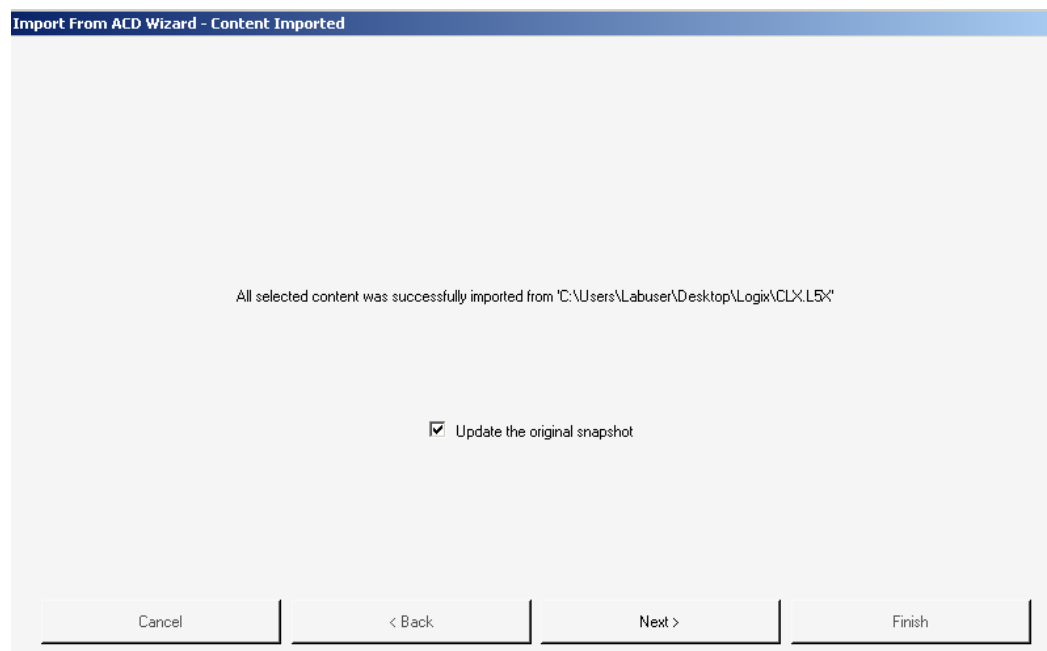
NOTE: When you exclude an object, information in the ACM project will be kept. If you perform an update, information from the ACD or L5X will overwrite the ACM information.

Name	Catalog Number	Revision	Action
Aln			
LT100	Aln	1.2	Exclude
TT100	Aln	1.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update
COP			
COP01	COP	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update
Motor			
MT100	Motor	1.4	Exclude
Program			
COP	Program	1.0	<SELECT> Update Exclude Exclude

Select **Next**. The **Import Complete** dialog will display.



Select **Finish**. The **Import From ACD Wizard - Content Imported** dialog will appear.



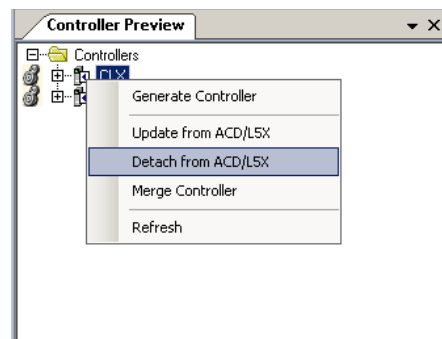
NOTE: Snapshot information is used for the original ACM project data when performing the merge.

NOTE: If all items are excluded, by default **Update the Original Snapshot** will not be checked. If one or more objects are set to update, then **Update the Original Snapshot** will be checked by default.

Select **Next**. The snapshot confirmation dialog will display. Select **Finish**.

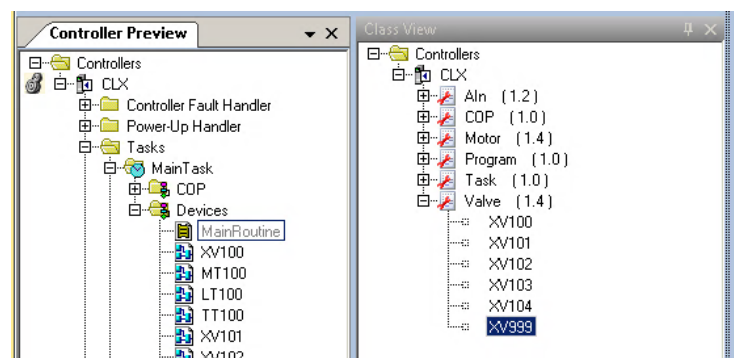
Detaching from ACD/L5X Files

Right-click the object the files are attached to. Select **Detach from ACD/L5X**.

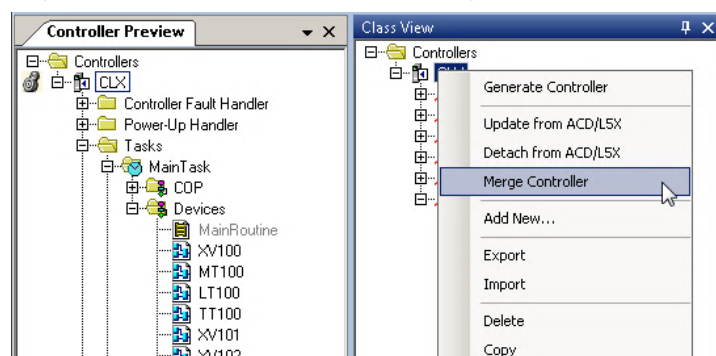


Merging Controllers

NOTE: XV999 is a newly added object and is being merged.

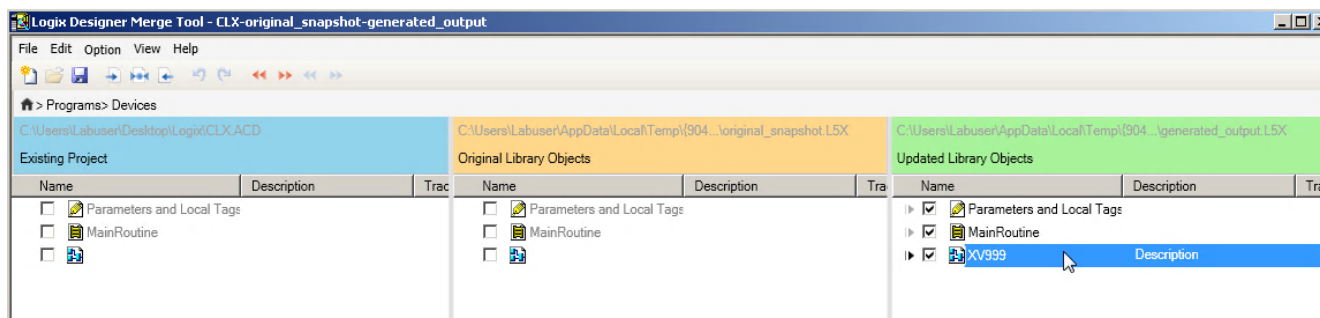


Right-click on the object that will be merged.

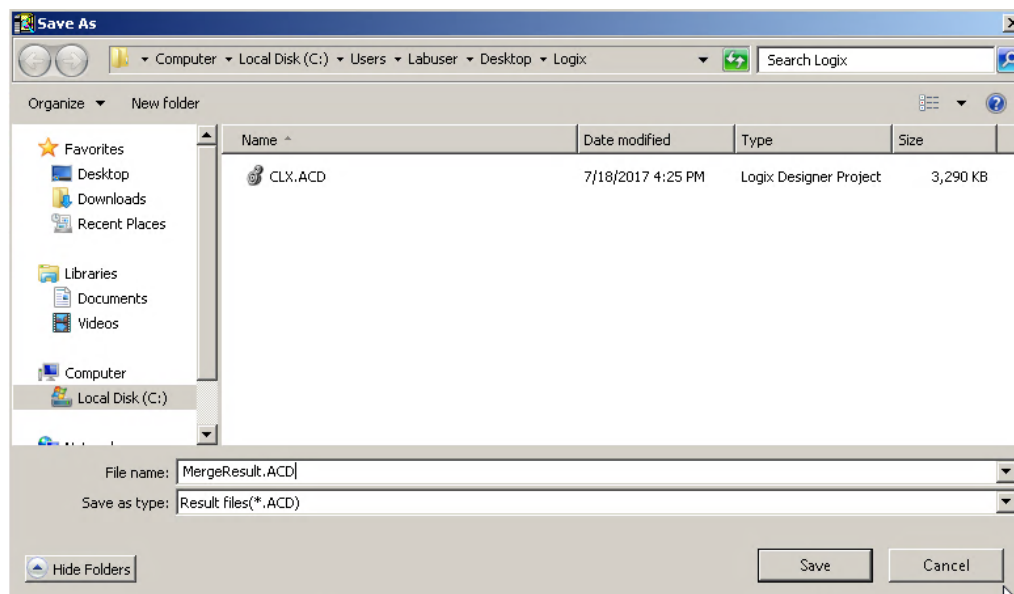


Select **Merge Controller**. The **Logix Designer Merge Tool** will display.

The **Updated Library Objects** pane will display the objects that will be merged. Note XV999 is shown.



Select **Next**. The **Save As** dialog will display.

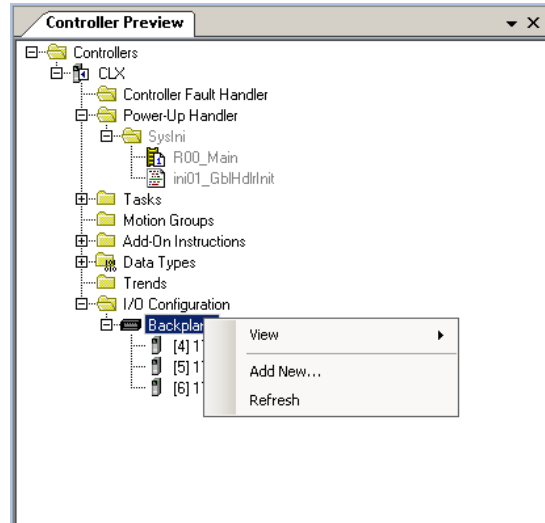


Select **Save**.

NOTE: After the merge file has been created, confirm all information is correct prior to deploying.

Hardware Context Menu

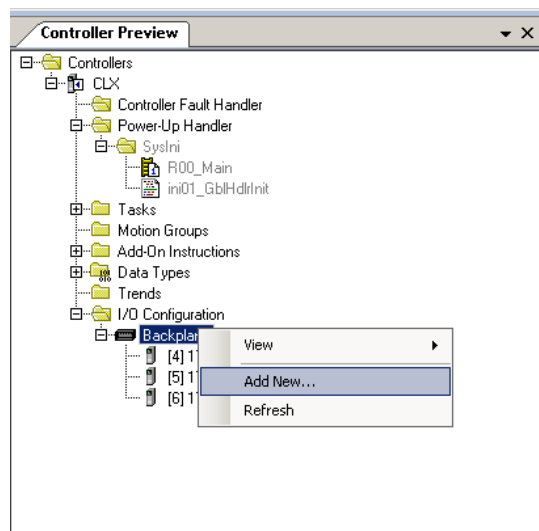
The Hardware Context Menu is available by right-clicking the **I/O Configuration** branch in the **Controller Preview** pane.



Adding a New Hardware Module

The function copies an existing hardware module. Add Hardware Modules in the **I/O Configuration** branch in the **Controller Preview** pane.

Display the **Controller Context Menu** from the branch of the **I/O Controller** tree view below which a module is to be added.



Click **Add New**.

The **Object Configuration Wizard** dialog is displayed.

Object Configuration Wizard

Select a library ☐ Show All Revisions

Status	SchemaVersion	CatalogNumber	Family	LibraryType	ContentType	Solution	Category	Owner
+ Analog (20 items)								
- Communication (6 items)								
Published	2.0.0	1756-CN2/C (2,0)	1756	Module	Task	(RA-LIB) ACM 2.00	Communication	Rockwell Automation
Published	2.0.0	1756-CN2R/C (2,0)	1756	Module	Task	(RA-LIB) ACM 2.00	Communication	Rockwell Automation
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Published	2.0.0	1756-EN3TR (2,0)	1756	Module	Task	(RA-LIB) ACM 2.00	Communication	Rockwell Automation
+ Digital (42 items)								

Cancel << Previous Next >> Finish

Click the + symbol to expand a Library Category and display the Libraries registered in the connected ACM Database.

Select the Library that will be copied to create the new hardware module and click **Next**.

Object Configuration Wizard

Name: Local_08

Description: 1756 ControlNet Bridge

Catalog Number: 1756-CN2R/C (2,0) - Published

Solution: (RA-LIB) ACM 2.00

Parameters

Module Configuration

Slot	8
ChassisName	Local
Address	1
Size	17

Slot
This is the slot that this module is located in

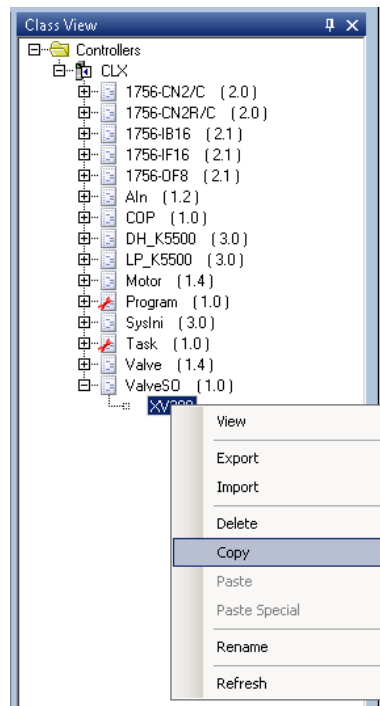
Cancel << Previous Next >> Finish

Type the **Description**.

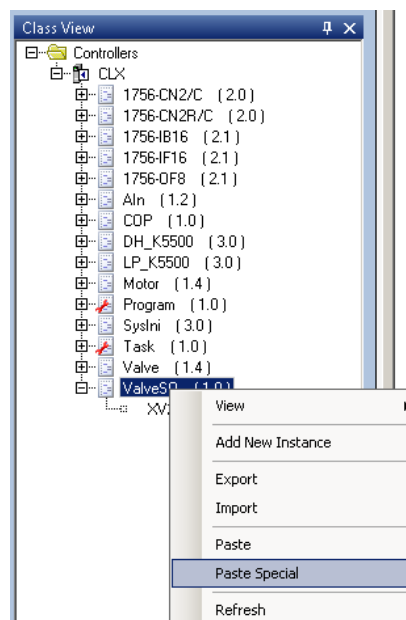
Click **Finish**.

Using Copy and Paste Special

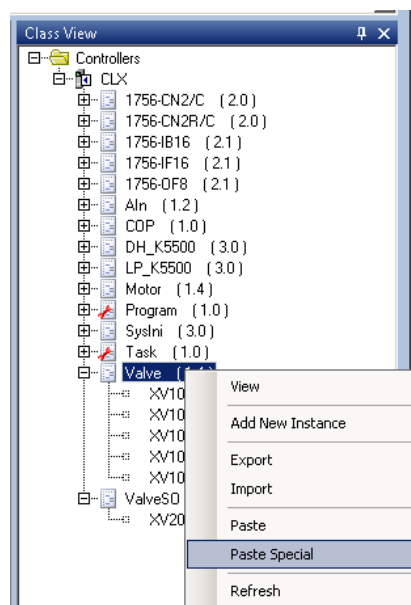
Copy and Paste Special are only available in the **Class View** pane.



Select the object that will be copied to create the new Object. Right-click and click **Copy**.

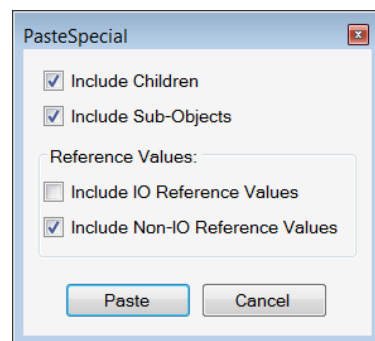


Right-click the destination of the copied Object and click **Paste Special**.



Select the branch where the Object will reside. Right-click and click **Paste Special**.

The PasteSpecial Children and Sub-Objects dialog is displayed.

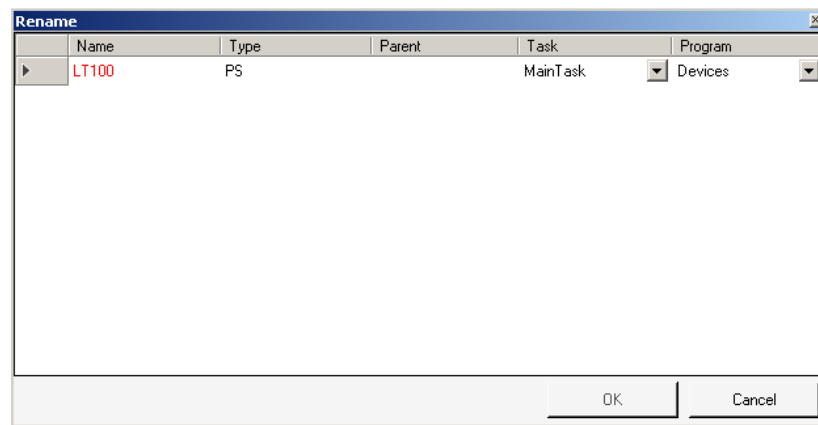


Check the **Include Children** check box to include Communication Module Children.

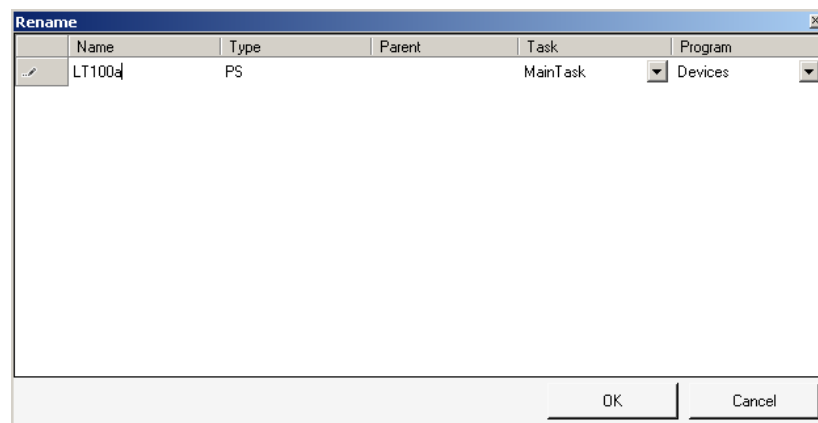
Check the **Include Sub-Objects** check box to include I/O Module Sub-Objects (for example, Channels).

Click **Paste** to continue.

The **Rename** dialog is displayed showing the Objects that will be pasted.



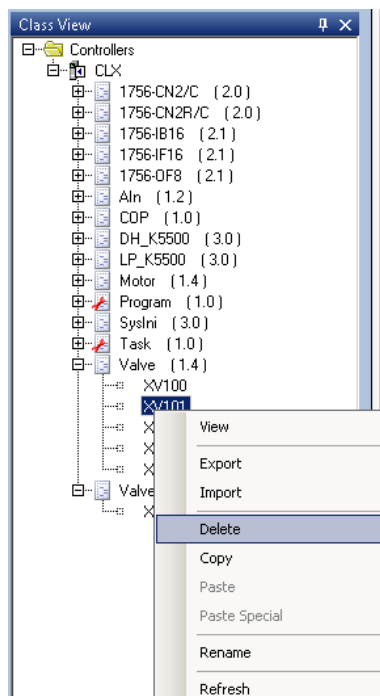
Object names that must be changed to prevent a naming conflict are shown in red.



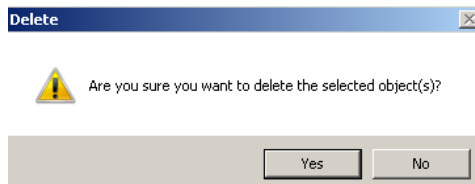
Enter a new name when a naming conflict exists. If there are no conflicts, the existing name will be black in color. Click **OK** to paste the Object.

Deleting a Referenced Module in Class View

Select the Module that will be deleted.

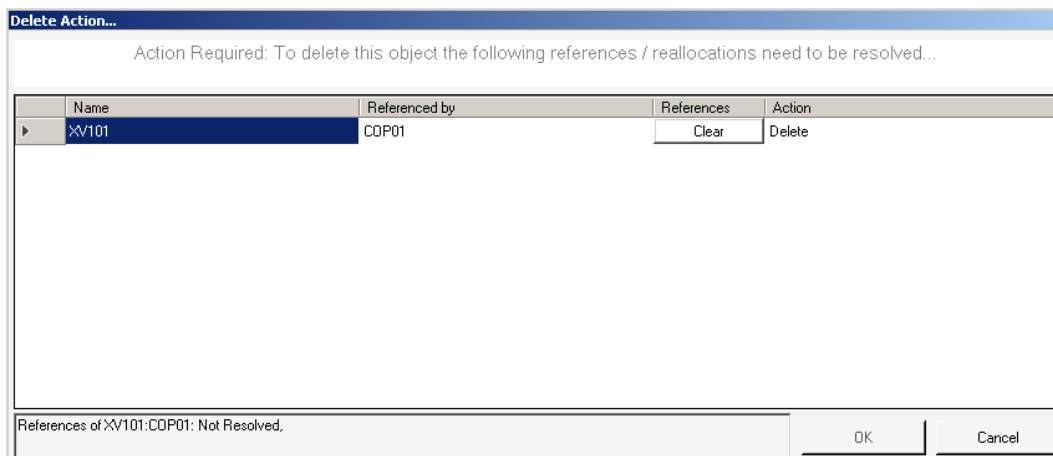


Right-click. Click **Delete**. A confirmation screen is displayed.



Click **Yes** to confirm.

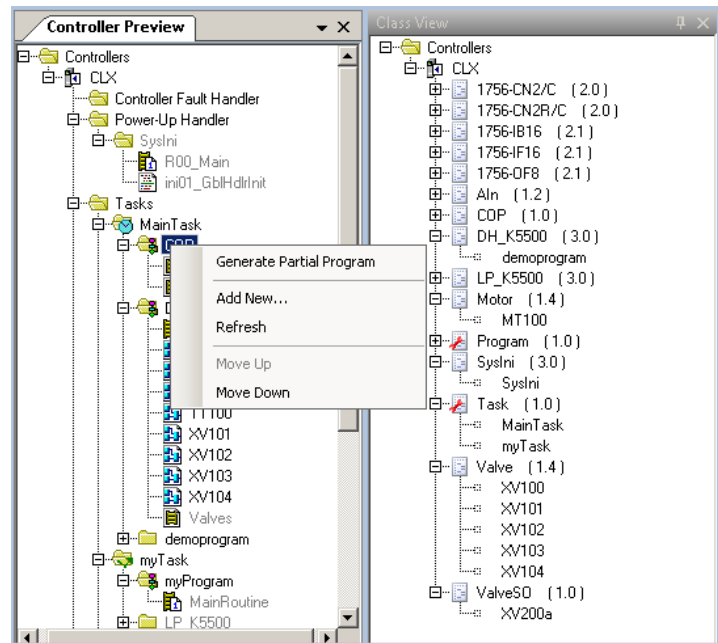
The **Delete Action** dialog is displayed.



Click **Clear** to remove all references. Click **Delete** to delete the module.

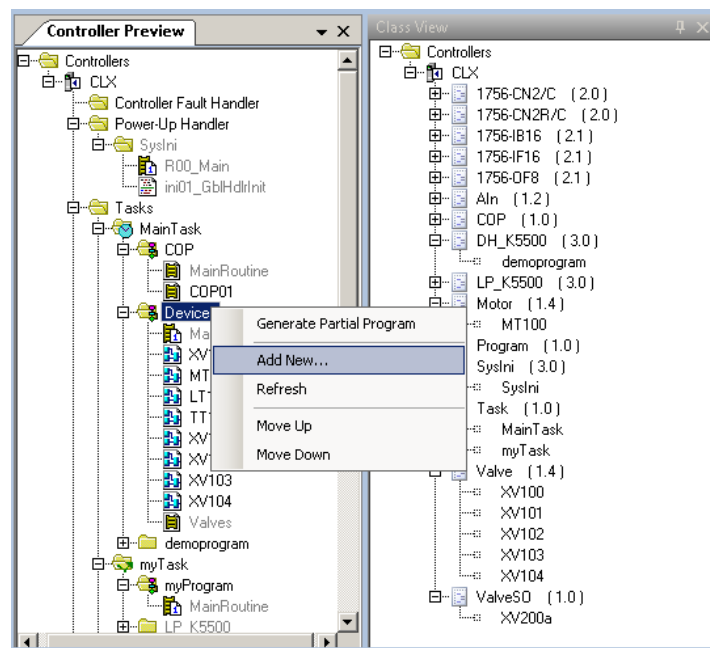
Software Branch Context Menus

The Software Context Menus are available by right-clicking on any of the Software branches in the **Controller Preview** tree view. Depending upon the selected branch or Object, the available options are visible.



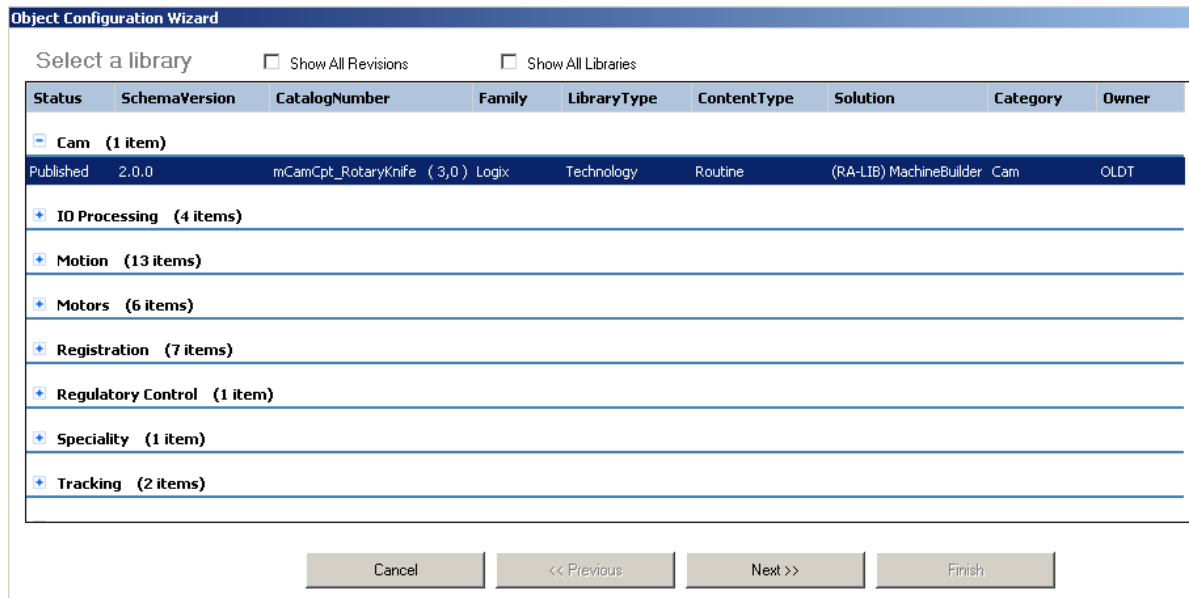
Adding a New Software Object to a Controller

Select the object to which the Software will be added.



Right-click and click **Add New**.

The **Object Configuration Wizard** is displayed.



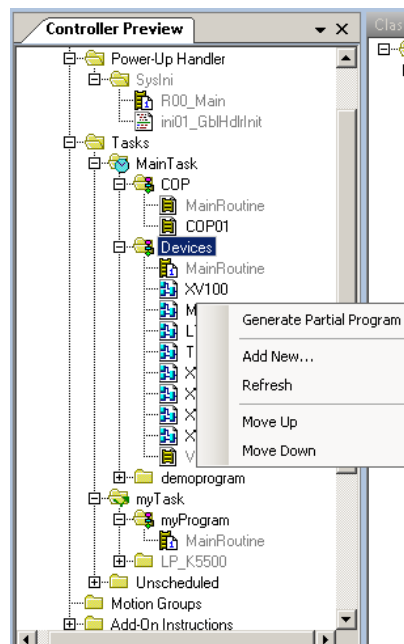
Click the + symbol to expand a Library Category and display the Libraries registered in the connected ACM Database.

Select a Library that is designed to be placed in the Selected Task or Program by highlighting a row and clicking **Next**.

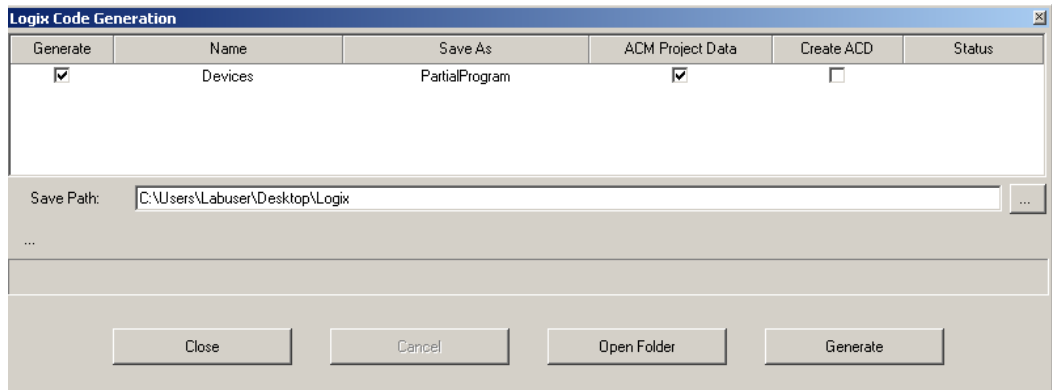
Click **Finish** to add the Object.

Generating a Partial Program

Generate Partial Program creates an export file (L5X) that can be imported into the Logix Designer as a program.



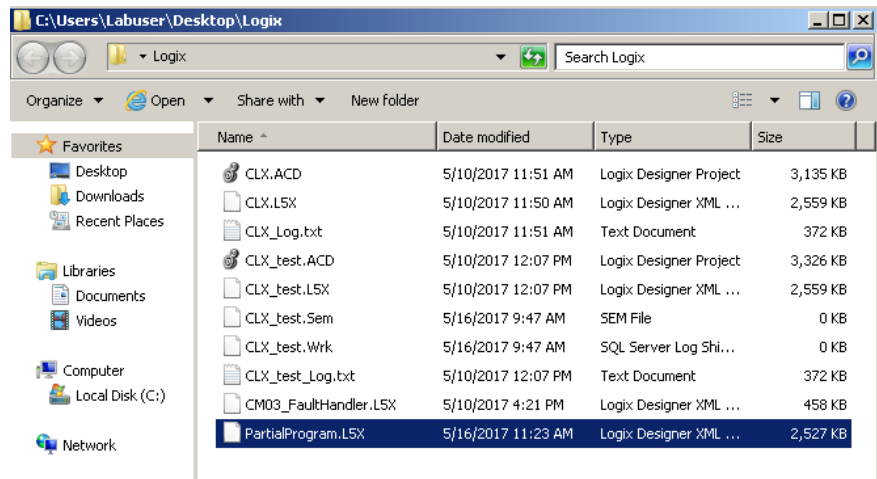
Select the source program for the Partial Program. Right-click and click **Generate Partial Program**. The Logix Code Generation dialog will appear.



Rename the file if needed by clicking in the **Save As** field and changing the name.

Click **Generate**.

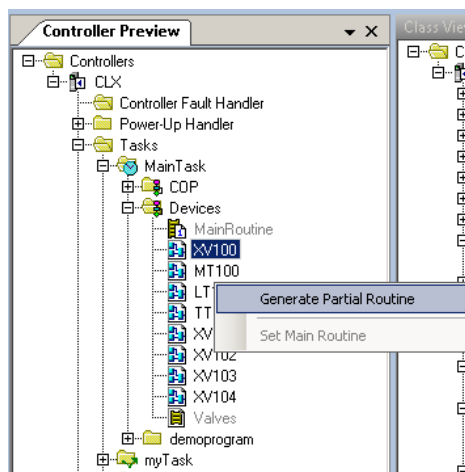
When the process is finished, click **Open Folder**. The contents of the **Logix** folder will appear.



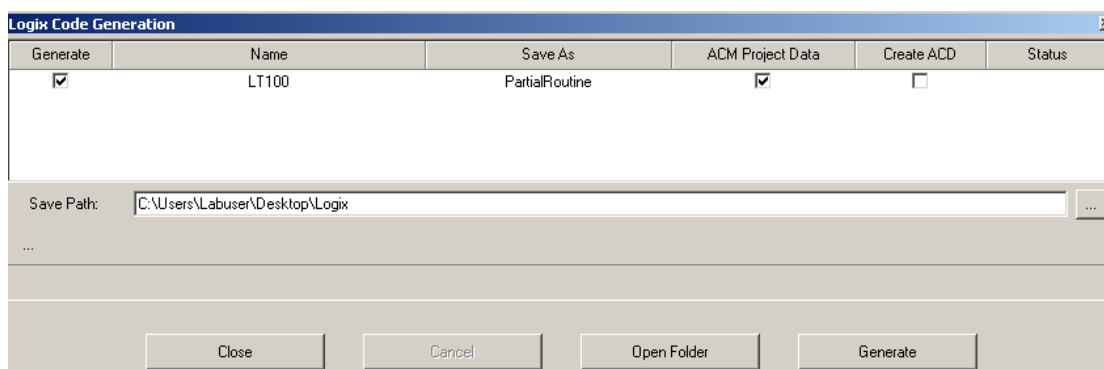
The new file will appear in the **Logix** folder.

Generating a Partial Routine

Generate Partial Routine allows you to create an export file (LX5) that can be imported into the Logix Designer as a routine.

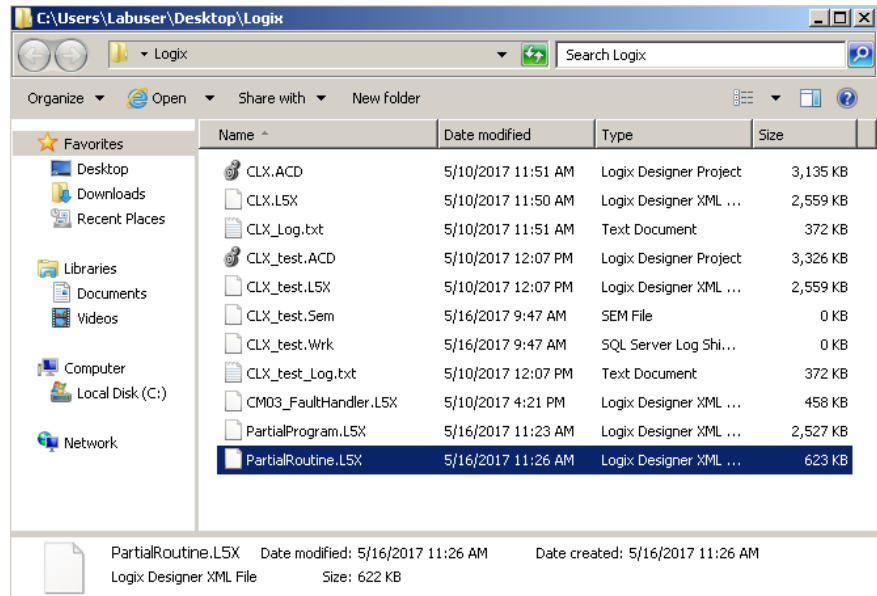


Select the source program for the Partial Routine. Right-click and click **Generate Partial Routine**. The Logix Code Generation dialog will appear.



Rename the file by clicking in the **Save As** field and click **Generate**.

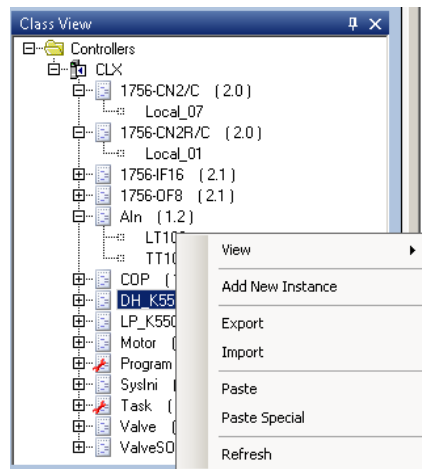
When the process is finished click **Open Folder**. The contents of the **Logix** folder will appear.



The new file will appear in the Logix folder.

Adding a New Instance

Adds a new Task in the **Class View** pane.



Select the Object the New Instance will be created from.

Right-click and click **Add New Instance**.

The **Object Configuration Wizard** is displayed.

The image shows the 'Object Configuration Wizard' dialog box. It has a title bar 'Object Configuration Wizard'. Inside, there are fields for 'Name' (DH_K5500), 'Description' (Device Handler - K5500), 'Catalog Number' (DH_K5500 (3.0) - Published), and 'Solution' ((RA-LIB) MachineBuilder). To the right of the 'Solution' field is a 'Task:' pull-down menu. A context menu is open over the 'Task:' field, showing options: '<Add New...>', 'Controller_Fault_Handler', 'MainTask', 'myTask' (which is highlighted), and 'Unscheduled'. Below these fields are two tabs: 'Parameters' and 'Linked Libraries'. The 'Parameters' tab is active, showing a tree view with 'Misc' expanded, containing 'AxisName' and 'Generate_PHY_Axis'. To the right of these parameters are input fields: 'DH_K5500' for 'AxisName' and 'True' for 'Generate_PHY_Axis'. At the bottom are four buttons: 'Cancel', '<< Previous', 'Next >>', and 'Finish'.

Enter new information in the **Name** and **Description** fields if applicable.

Populate the **Task** field using the pull-down menu and click **Next**.

Click **Finish** to add the new instance.

Registered Library Context Menu Commands

Chapter Objectives

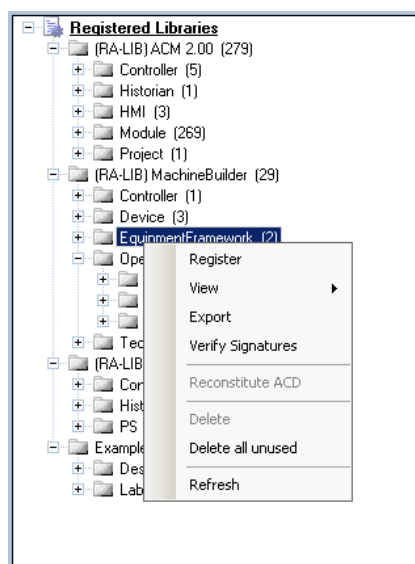
This chapter contains information on the Registered Library context menu commands and the use of those commands.

- [Registered Libraries Context Menu](#)

Each command only appears at the applicable level of the Registered Library branch.

Registered Libraries Context Menu

The Registered Libraries Context Menu is available by right-clicking any branch in the **Registered Libraries** tree view.



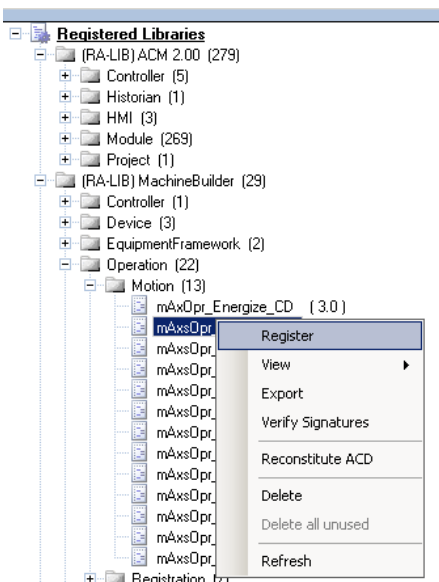
This table describes each **Registered Libraries Context Menu** command. Commands appear at the applicable level of the tree.

Registered Library	
Register	Used when a library Object has been provided as a HSL4 file and needs to be incorporated into ACM. Registers one or more library files (HSL4). Refer to Registering an ACM Library on page 92 for more information.
View Pending Libraries	Displays a report showing Database Pending Libraries report. Available only at the Registered Libraries branch. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Library Usage	Displays a report showing the Registered Library usage for the Libraries in the connected ACM database. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
Export	Exports the selected Library to an HSL4 (xml) formatted file.
Verify Signatures	Verifies that the contents within each registered Library file comply with any signing rules and has originated from an approved source.
Reconstitute ACD	Opens the ACD Re-constitution Wizard. Refer to Reconstituting the ACD on page 93 for more information.
Delete	Deletes the selected library in the connected ACM Database. Libraries that are used in Projects cannot be deleted. A Global Library usage report will be displayed when a Library that is used is selected for deletion.
Delete all unused	Deletes all unused Libraries in the connected ACM Database. Available only at the Registered Libraries branch.
Refresh	Refreshes the tree view.
ACM Library	
View Pending Libraries per Solution	Displays a report showing the Registered Library usage for the Libraries in the selected pending Solution. Available only at a Solution branch. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Library Usage per Solution	Displays a report showing the Registered Library usage for the Libraries in the selected Solution. Available only at a Solution branch. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.

View Libraries per Solution	Displays a report showing the Registered Library usage for the Libraries in the selected Solution. Available only at a Solution branch. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Pending Libraries per Library Type	Displays a report showing the Registered Library usage for the selected pending Library Type. Available only at a Library branch. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Project Library Usage per Library Type	Displays a report showing the Registered Library usage for the selected Library Type. Available only at a Library branch. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Pending Libraries per Category	Displays a report showing the Registered Library usage for the selected pending Library Category. Available only at a Library branch. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Library Usage per Category	Displays a report showing the Registered Library usage for the Libraries in the selected Library Category. Available only at a Library Category branch. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.
View Library Usage per Library	Displays a report showing the Registered Library usage for the selected Library. Available only at a Library branch. Refer to Viewing Registered Library Usage on page 126 for more information.

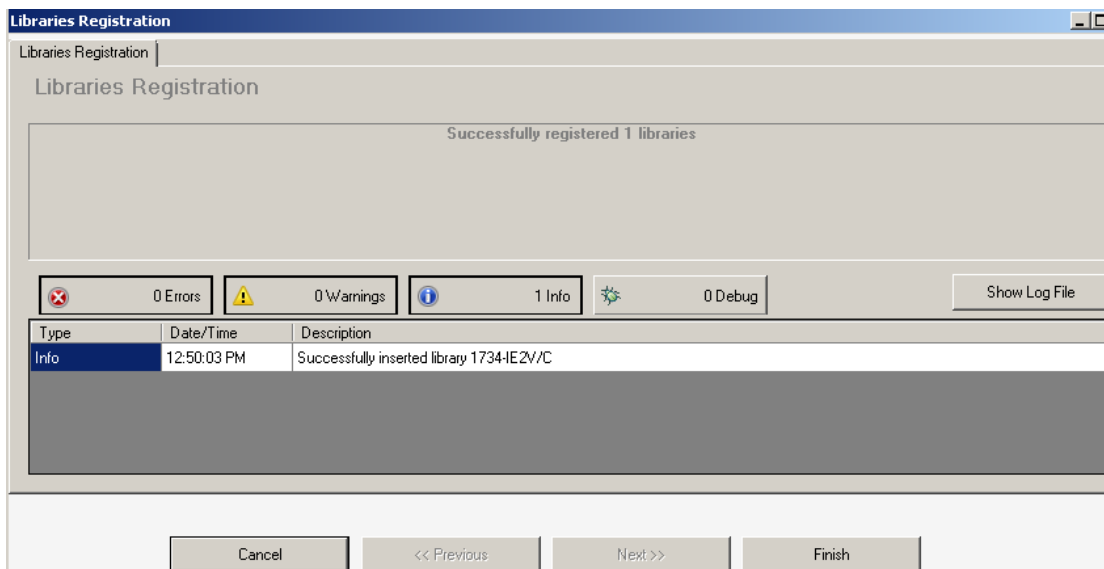
Registering an ACM Library

Verify that the ACM application is connected to the correct ACM Database by examining the Main GUI Title Bar. Refer to [Main GUI Title Bar on page 28](#) for more information.



Select the Library Object that will be registered.

Right-click to open the Registered Libraries Context Menu and click **Register**. The **Libraries Registration** dialog will display.

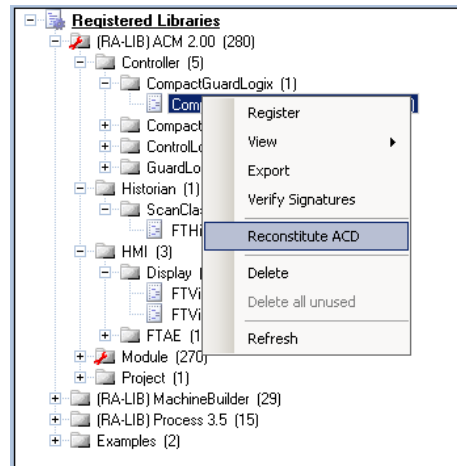


Review the information provided in the **Library Registration** dialog. Perform any indicated actions. Click **Finish** to complete the registration process.

Reconstituting the ACD

Reconstitute the ACD in cases where editing the Library Object is required but the original Logix Designer project used to create the object is not available.

The **Reconstitute ACD** command is available by right-clicking the library file in the **Registered Libraries** tree view.



Right-click on the library file. To select multiple files hold down the <Ctrl> key and select the library files. Click **Reconstitute ACD**.

ACD Reconstitution Wizard - Object Configuration

Name: UNNAMED_OBJ_1

Description: Compact GuardLogix Controller

Catalog Number: CompactGuardLogix_Controller (1.0) - Published

Solution: (RA-LIB) ACM 2.00

Parameters

01 - Controller	
ChassisName	Local
Slot	0
Size	32
SoftwareRevision	27
ProcessorType	1756-L75

02 - HMI

ChassisName
This is the Chassis that this module is located in

Cancel < Back Next > Finish


Click **Next**.

ACD Reconstitution Wizard - Resolve Dependencies

Controller Properties

Controller Name:

Software Revision: Processor Type:

Dependency Libraries 

Library

Linked Library Dependencies

Link Name	Catalog Number	Library

Cancel < Back Next > Finish

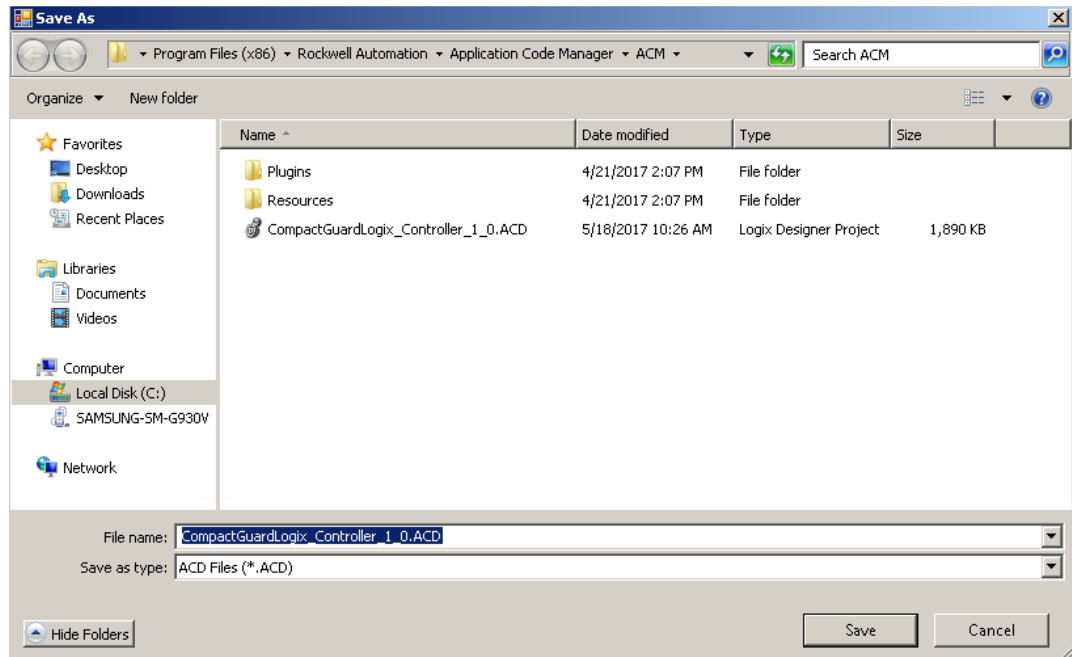
A preview of the Logix content contained in the ACD file displays.

ACD Reconstitution Wizard - L5X Generation Successful

- [-] Controller CompactGuardLogix_Controller_1_0
 - [-] Tasks
 - [-] Motion Groups
 - [-] Add-On Instructions
 - [-] Data Types
 - [-] Trends

Cancel < Back Next > Finish

Click **Next** to display the **Save As** screen.



Click **Save** to save the file. When the save is complete, click **Finish**.

Notes:

ACM Console

Chapter Objectives

This chapter gives a brief overview of the ACM Console and basic instructions.

- [ACM Console](#)

This command console allows you to perform some operations bypassing the GUI commands.

Use the ACM Console to perform various functions:

- Interact with the ACM, generate reports
- Register Library Objects
- View available commands
- View details of commands

ACM Console

This table lists some of the commands available in the ACM Console. This is a partial list of commands.

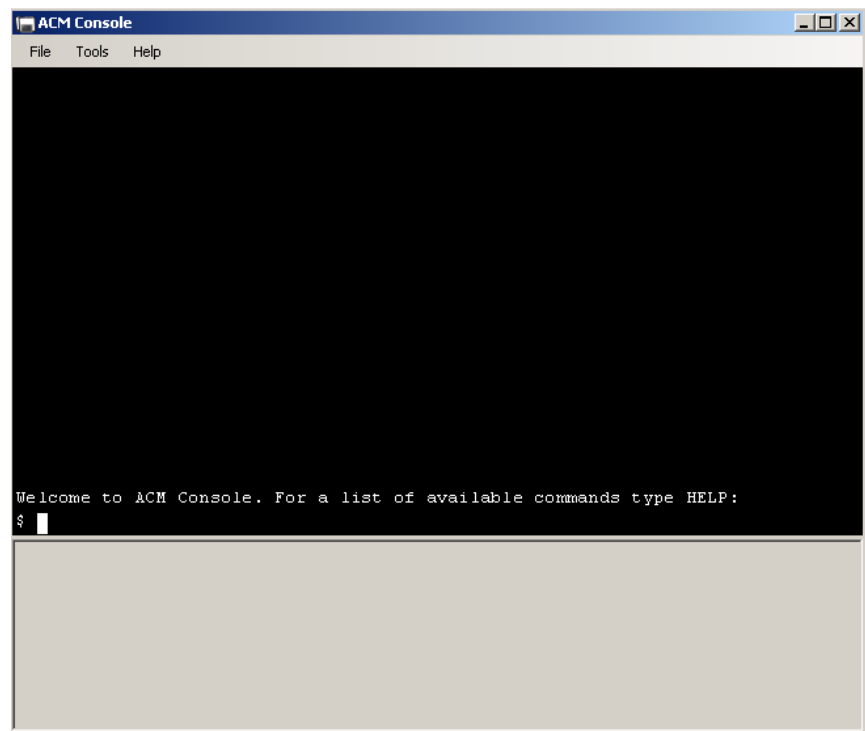
editparameters	Edits the values of an object instance's parameters.
export.....	Allows various objects to be exported to an Excel or HSL4 file.
generate	Generates the desired object as an LSX or ACD file.
importproject	Imports into an ACM database from an Excel file.
publishlibrary	Extracts and publishes a library from an ACD.
registerlibrary	Registers the library into the ACM Database.
switchbase	Switches to a different ACM Database at any point within a script.

Opening the ACM Console

Minimize the ACM window if it is open.



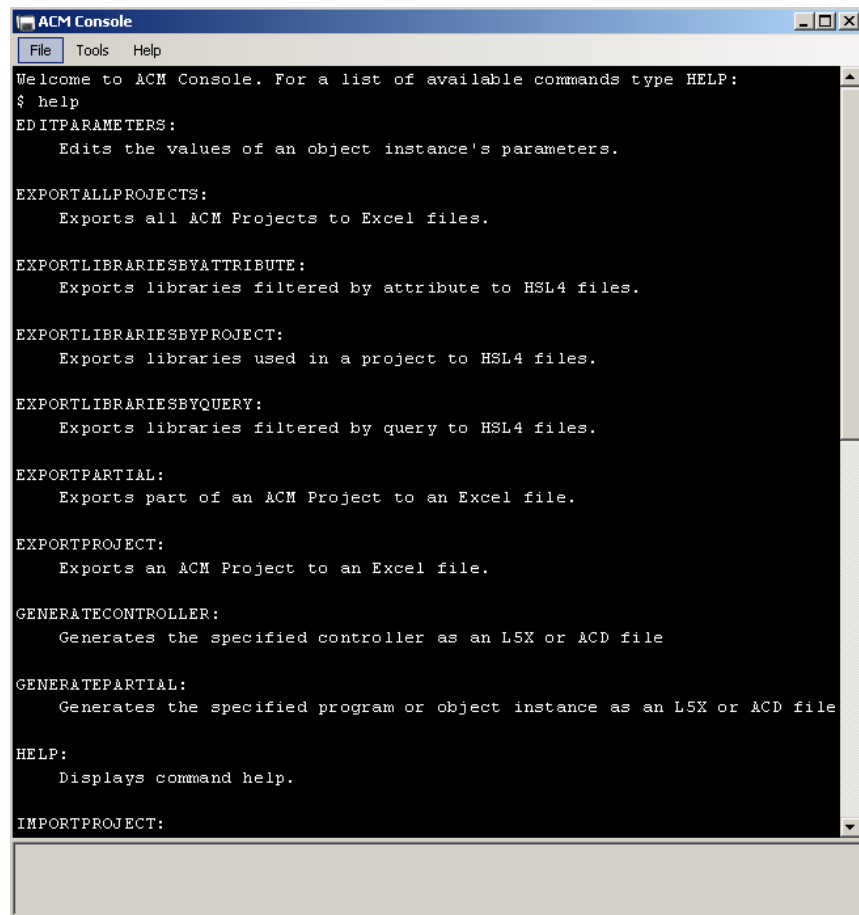
Launch ACM Console from the **desktop** by selecting the icon shown or the **start menu**.



The ACM Console appears.

Generating a List of All Commands

Generates a list of all available commands when using the ACM Console.



```
ACM Console
File Tools Help
Welcome to ACM Console. For a list of available commands type HELP:
$ help
EDITPARAMETERS:
    Edits the values of an object instance's parameters.

EXPORTALLPROJECTS:
    Exports all ACM Projects to Excel files.

EXPORTLIBRARIESBYATTRIBUTE:
    Exports libraries filtered by attribute to HSL4 files.

EXPORTLIBRARIESBYPROJECT:
    Exports libraries used in a project to HSL4 files.

EXPORTLIBRARIESBYQUERY:
    Exports libraries filtered by query to HSL4 files.

EXPORTPARTIAL:
    Exports part of an ACM Project to an Excel file.

EXPORTPROJECT:
    Exports an ACM Project to an Excel file.

GENERATECONTROLLER:
    Generates the specified controller as an L5X or ACD file

GENERATEPARTIAL:
    Generates the specified program or object instance as an L5X or ACD file

HELP:
    Displays command help.

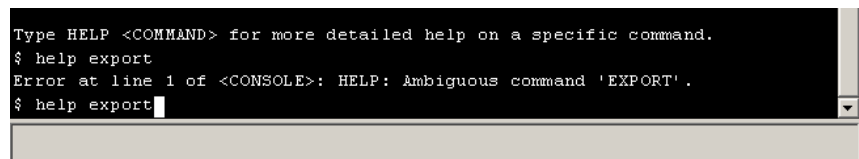
IMPORTPROJECT:
```

Type **help** at the prompt, then press **Enter**.

A list of all commands is displayed.

Generating a Specific List of Commands

For a targeted list of multiple commands, type **help** and the first letters of the commands you will view.



```
Type HELP <COMMAND> for more detailed help on a specific command.
$ help export
Error at line 1 of <CONSOLE>: HELP: Ambiguous command 'EXPORT'.
$ help export
```

For example, type **help export** and press the **Tab** key to generate a list of all export commands.

```
Type HELP <COMMAND> for more detailed help on a specific command.
$ help export
Error at line 1 of <CONSOLE>: HELP: Ambiguous command 'EXPORT'.
$ help export
Error at line 1 of <CONSOLE>: HELP: Ambiguous command 'EXPORT'.
$ help Exportproject
```

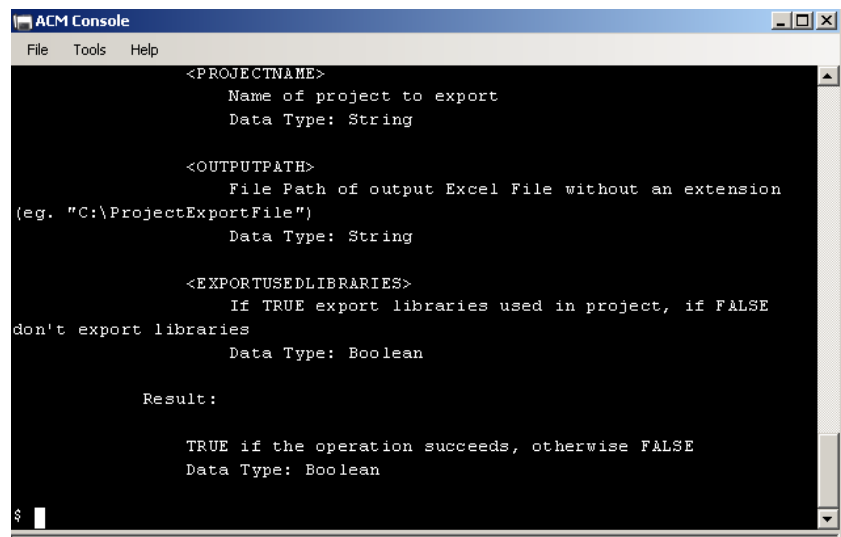
A list of all commands that begin with “export” displays.

Generating Detailed Command Information

For detailed information on a specific command, type **help** then the full command.

```
Type HELP <COMMAND> for more detailed help on a specific command.
$ help export
Error at line 1 of <CONSOLE>: HELP: Ambiguous command 'EXPORT'.
$ help export
Error at line 1 of <CONSOLE>: HELP: Ambiguous command 'EXPORT'.
$ help Exportproject
```

For example, type **help exportproject**, then press **Enter**.



```
ACM Console
File Tools Help

<PROJECTNAME>
  Name of project to export
  Data Type: String

<OUTPUTPATH>
  File Path of output Excel File without an extension
  (eg. "C:\ProjectExportFile")
  Data Type: String

<EXPORTUSEDLIBRARIES>
  If TRUE export libraries used in project, if FALSE
  don't export libraries
  Data Type: Boolean

Result:
  TRUE if the operation succeeds, otherwise FALSE
  Data Type: Boolean

$
```

Detailed information on the **exportproject** command displays.

Notes:

Import Export Manager

Chapter Objectives

This chapter provides information on the following topics:

- [Accessing the Import Export Manager](#)
- [Import Export Manager Menu Bar](#)
- [Import Export Manager Import Tab](#)
- [Import Export Manager Export Tab](#)
- [Import Export Manager Compare Tab](#)
- [Import Export Template Manager](#)

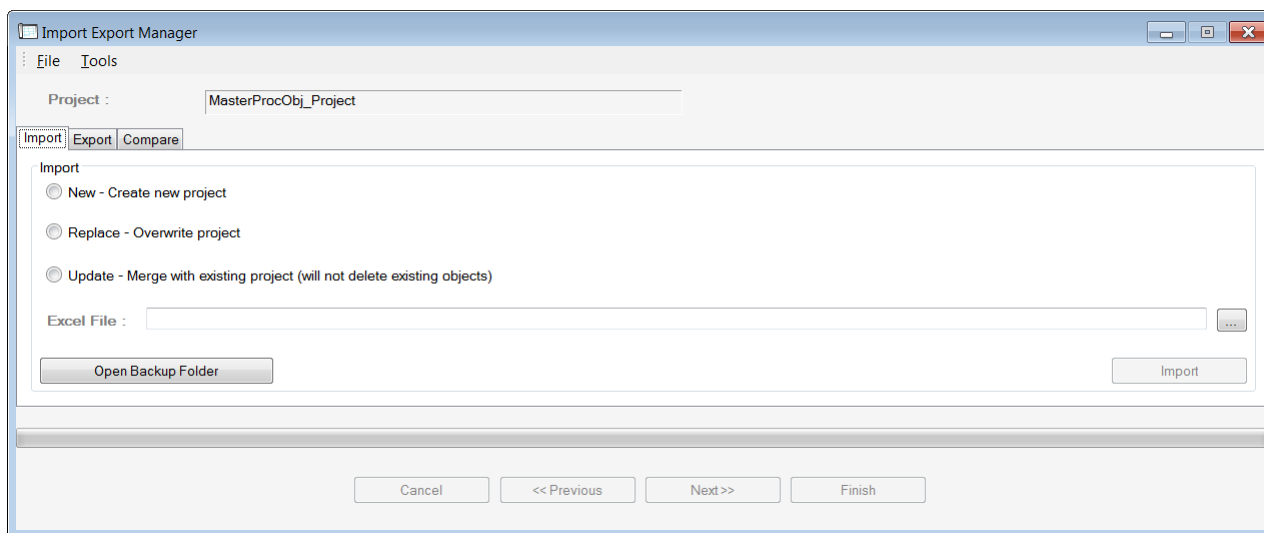
The Import Export Manager imports and exports ACM Project content to and from Schedules as Excel files (xlsx). Schedules have scope (for example, Project, Controller, Task, Program, Object) and content (for example, Device List, Device Interlocks).

Accessing the Import Export Manager

The Import Export Manager is accessed by executing one of several commands:

- Main GUI Tools Menu – Import Export Manager command
- Context Menu Export command
- Context Menu Import command

Refer to [Main GUI Tools Menu on page 43](#) and [System View Context Menu Commands on page 49](#) for more information.

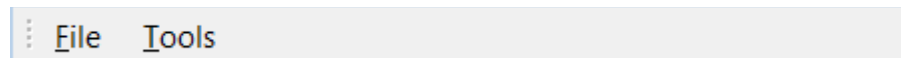


This table describes the controls on the **Import Export Manager** dialog.

Menu Bar	Refer to Import Export Manager Menu Bar on page 104 for more information.
Project:	Displays the Project that will be changed when importing a Schedule or exported to a Schedule. Refer to Import Export Manager File Menu on page 105 for information on selecting a Project.
Import Tab	Refer to Import Export Manager Import Tab on page 106 for more information.
Export Tab	Refer to Import Export Manager Export Tab on page 110 for more information.
Compare Tab	Refer to Import Export Manager Compare Tab on page 113 for more information.
Cancel	Closes the Import Export Manager.
<<Previous	Not available
Next>>	Not available
Finish	Closes the Import Export Manager. The command button is available when the import or export is completed.

Import Export Manager Menu Bar

The Import Export Manager menu bar is shown.

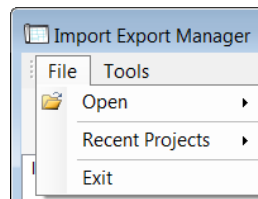


This table describes the **Import Export Manager Menu Bar** selections.

File	Selects the ACM Project in the connected ACM Database for importing or exporting. Refer to Import Export Manager File Menu on page 105 for more information.
Tools	Provides a command to open the Import Export Template Manager. A command to log debug information in the ACM Log File and a command to view the ACM Log File is also provided. Refer to Import Export Manager Tools Menu on page 105 for more information.

Import Export Manager File Menu

The Import Export Manager **File** menu commands are shown.

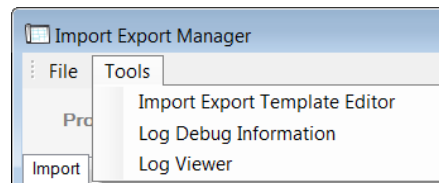


This table describes the commands on the **Import Export Manager File Menu**.

Open	<p>Selects an existing ACM Project in the connected ACM Database for importing or exporting.</p> <p>The Project open in the Main GUI is selected by default when the Import Export Manager is opened.</p> <p>Choose an ACM Project from the list.</p> <p>The selected Project is displayed in the Project text box.</p>
Recent Projects	<p>Selects a recently opened ACM Project for importing or exporting.</p> <p>The Project displayed in the Main GUI is selected by default when the Import Export Manager is opened.</p> <p>Choose an ACM Project from the list.</p> <p>The selected Project is displayed in the Project text box.</p>
Exit	Closes the Import Export Manager.

Import Export Manager Tools Menu

The Import Export Manager **Tools** menu commands are shown.



This table describes the commands on the **Import Export Manager Tools Menu**.

Import Export Template Editor	<p>Opens the Import Export Template Manager.</p> <p>Refer to Import Export Template Manager on page 115 for more information.</p>
Log Debug Information	<p>When checked, debug information is included in the ACM Log File.</p> <p>Information is written to the ACM Log File when design outputs are generated (for example, ControlLogix®, FactoryTalk® View, FactoryTalk Historian, Word) or when Schedules are imported or exported.</p>
Log Viewer	<p>Displays the contents of the most recent ACM Log File.</p> <p>A new ACM Log File is created for each ACM session.</p>

Import Export Manager Import Tab

The Import Export Manager **Import** tab is used to import Objects (instances) and Parameter values from a Schedule (xlsx).

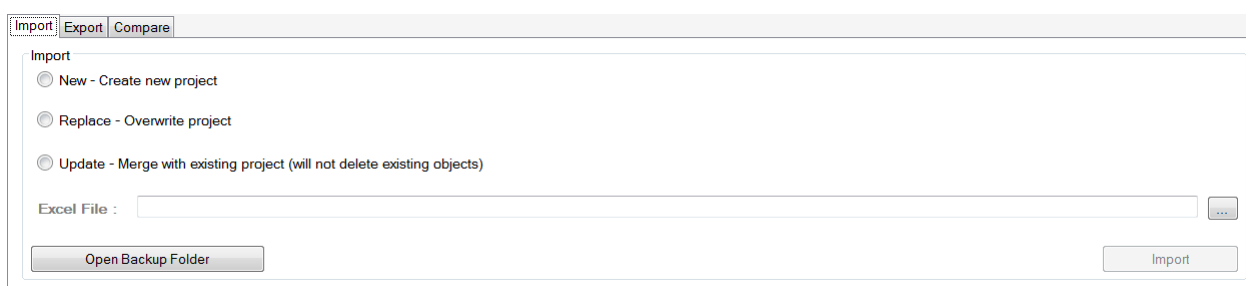
TIP

When importing Objects (instances), a compatible Library (class) must be registered in the ACM Database. The Catalog Number of the registered Library must match the Catalog Number in the Schedule and a Library with a revision greater than or equal to the revision in the Schedule must be registered.

If a Library with the same revision is registered, the Library with the same revision is used.

If a Library with the same revision is not registered and a Library with a greater revision is registered, the newest Library is used.

The Import Export Manager **Import** tab is shown.

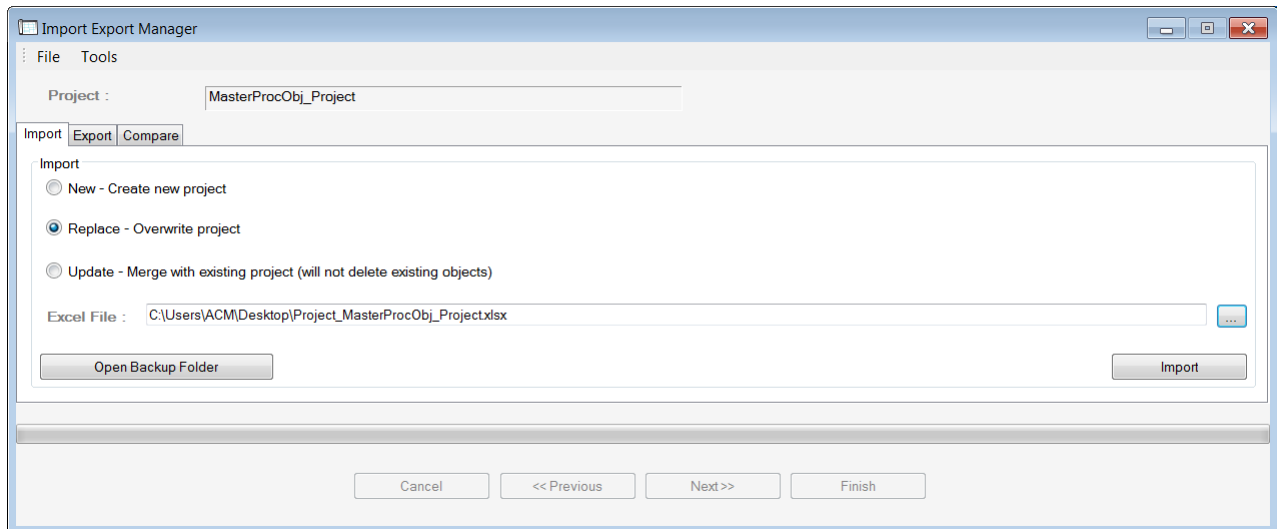


This table describes the controls on the **Import Export Manager Import Tab**.

New – Create new project	Select this radio button to create a new Project when importing a Schedule. The Project name in the Schedule cannot exist in the connected ACM Database. (The radio buttons are mutually exclusive.)
Replace – Overwrite project	Select this radio button to replace the Project shown in the Project text box when importing. The Project name in the Schedule must be the same as the Project shown in the Project text box. The selected Project is exported to the ACM Backup Folder and deleted from the ACM Database before importing the Schedule. (The radio buttons are mutually exclusive.)
Update – Merge with existing project (will not delete existing objects)	Select this radio button to update the Project shown in the Project text box when importing. The selected Project is exported to the ACM Backup Folder before importing the Schedule. Schedule content that is new will be added to the selected Project. Schedule content that has changed will be updated in the selected Project. Schedule content that was deleted or was not exported is not deleted from the selected Project. (The radio buttons are mutually exclusive.)
Excel File:	Click the ellipsis to open a Schedule (xlsx) for importing.
Open Backup Folder	Opens the ACM Backup Folder.
Import	Imports the selected Schedule. The command button is available when a valid import configuration has been selected. Refer to Importing a Schedule on page 107 for more information.

Importing a Schedule

Open the Import Export Manager by executing the **Import Export Manager** command in the **Main GUI Tools Menu** and select the **Import** tab.



Use the **Open** command in the Import Export Manager **File** menu to select the Project for import. The Project which is open in the Main GUI is selected by default.

TIP Verify that the correct Project is shown in the Project text box and the correct database name is shown in the Main GUI Title Bar.

Refer to [Main GUI Title Bar on page 28](#) for more information.

Select **Replace**.

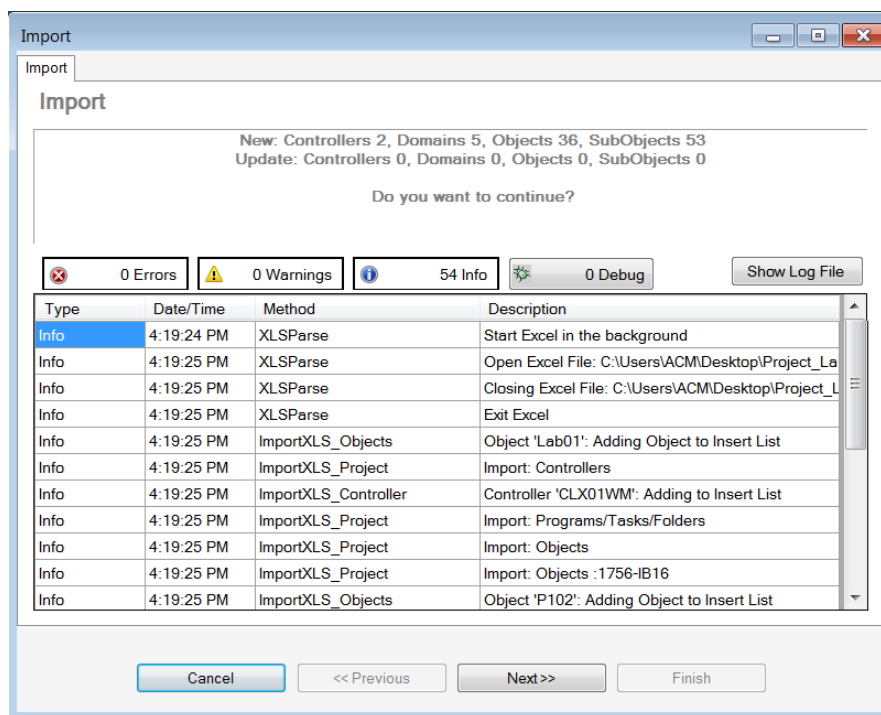
Click the ellipsis or type a Schedule file name (xlsx) in the **Excel File** text box.

TIP Verify that the correct database name is displayed in the **Main GUI Title Bar**. Refer to [Main GUI Title Bar on page 28](#) for more information.

If a project is being replaced or updated, verify that the correct Project is shown in the **Project** text box. Use the **File Open** command to change the Project shown in the **Project** text box.

Click **Import**.

The ACM Log File entries are displayed.



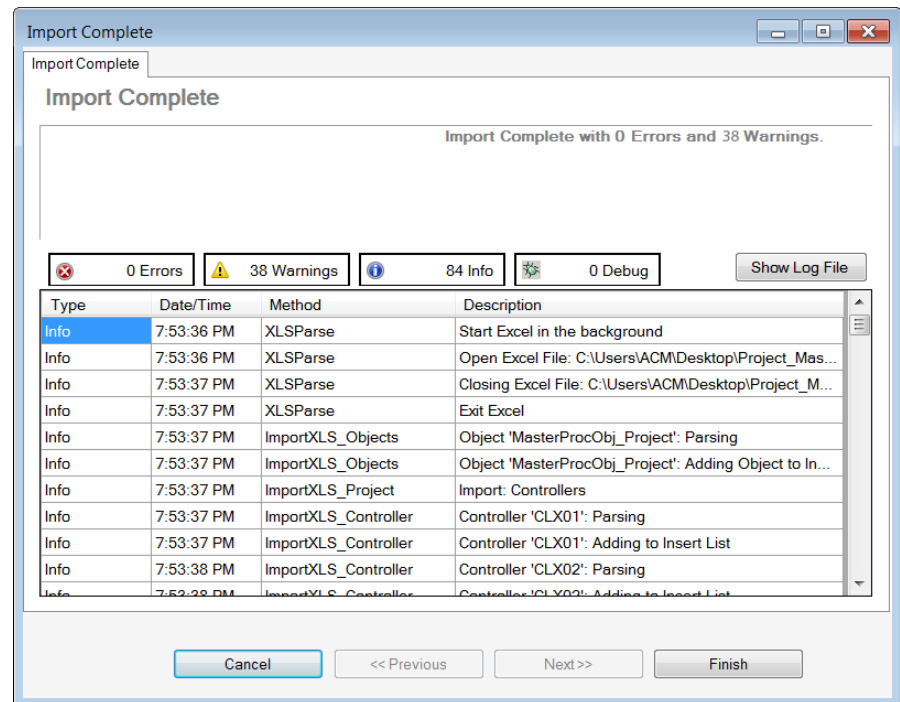
TIP

Errors, Warnings, Info, and Debug information are displayed by default. Filter the list of exceptions by clicking **Errors**, **Warnings**, **Info**, and/or **Debug**.

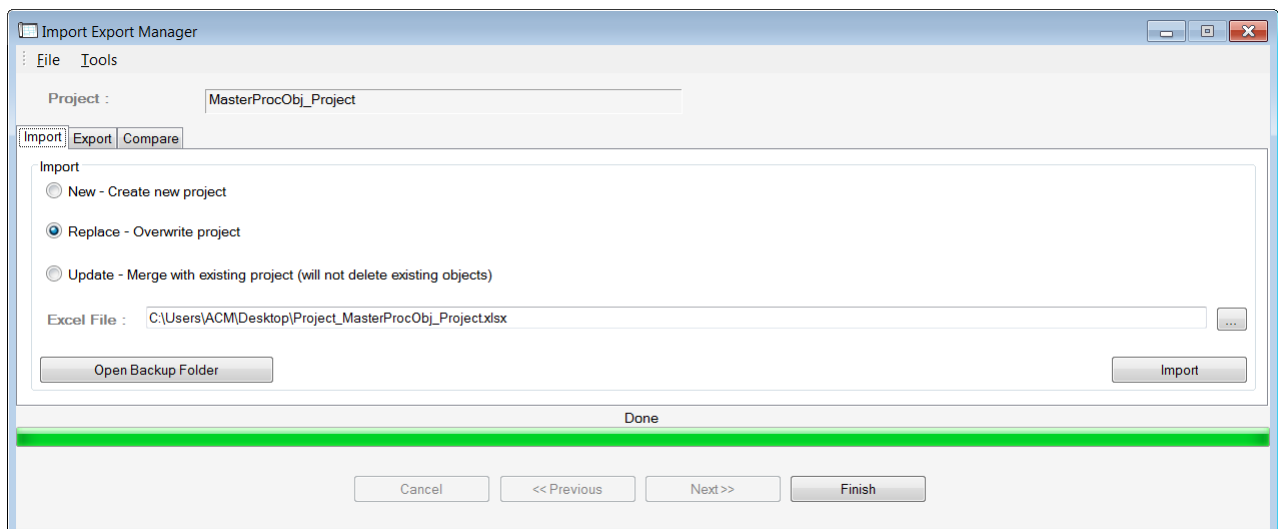
Refer to the **Log Debug Information** command in the [Import Export Manager Tools Menu](#) for more information on logging Debug information.

Clicking the **Show Log File** command will display the contents of the most recent ACM Log File.

Click **Next** to continue with the import and change the data in the ACM Database.



Click **Finish** to return to the Import Export Manager.



Click **Finish** to close the Import Export Manager.

Import Export Manager Export Tab

The Import Export Manager **Export** tab is used to export Objects (instances) and Parameter values to a Schedule (xlsx).

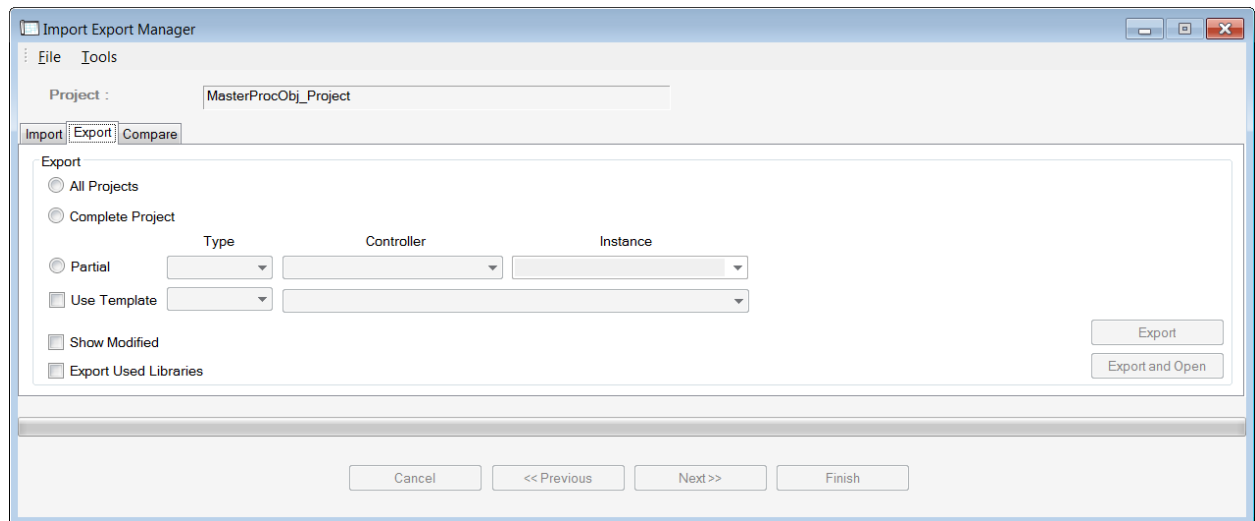
The Import Export Manager **Export** tab is shown.

This table describes the controls on the **Import Export Manager Export Tab**.

All Projects	Select this radio button to export a Schedule for each Project in the connected ACM Database. A Template cannot be applied. (The radio buttons are mutually exclusive.)
Complete Project	Select this radio button to export a Schedule for the Project shown in the Project text box. A Template can be applied to the export. (The radio buttons are mutually exclusive.)
Partial	Select this radio button to export a Schedule with less than Project scope. Use the three combo boxes to select the Project Hardware, a Controller, a Task, a Program, or a single Object (instance). (The radio buttons are mutually exclusive.)
Use Template	Check the box to limit the content (for example, Device List, Device Interlocks) of the Schedule by using a Schedule Template. Uncheck the box to export all available data for the scope selected (Complete Project or Partial). Use the two combo boxes to select a Local, Project, or Global Schedule Template. Refer to Import Export Template Manager on page 115 for information on creating custom Schedule Templates.
Show Modified	Color codes “changed” (not equal to default) and “unchanged” (equal to default) Parameter values in the exported Schedule.
Export Used Libraries	Includes all the associated Library files for the Project/Controller in the export.
Export	Exports the Schedule. The command button is available when a valid export configuration has been selected. Refer to Exporting a Schedule on page 111 for more information.
Export and Open	Exports the Schedule and opens it when the export is complete. The command button is available when a valid export configuration has been selected. Refer to Exporting a Schedule on page 111 for more information.

Exporting a Schedule

Open the Import Export Manager by executing the **Import Export Manager** command in the **Main GUI Tools Menu** and select the **Export** tab.



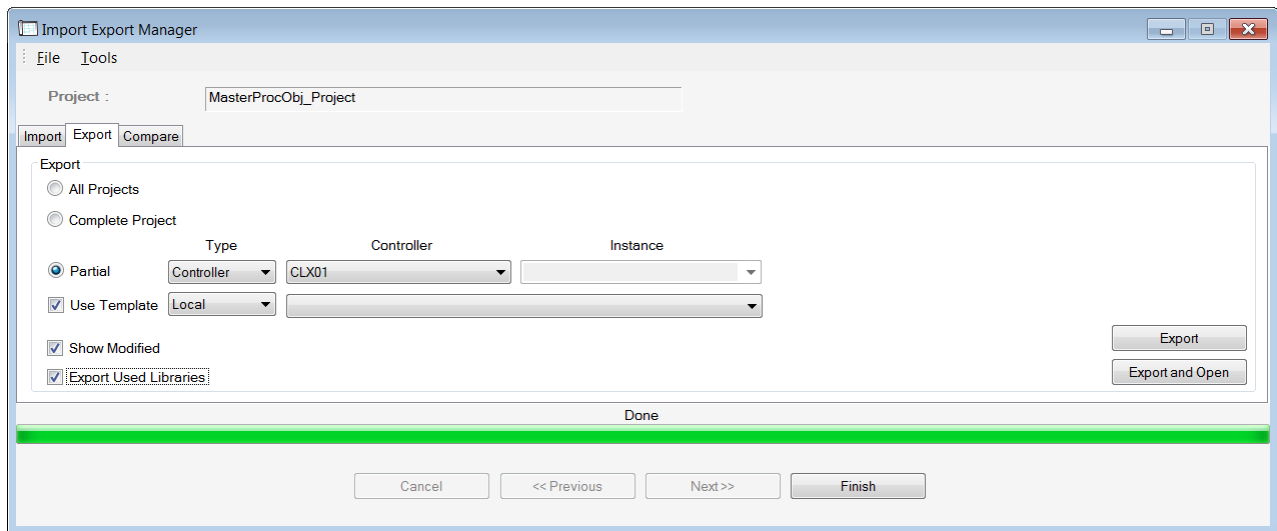
Use the **Open** command in the Import Export Manager **File** menu to select the Project for export. The Project open in the Main GUI is selected by default.

TIP Verify that the correct Project is shown in the **Project** text box and the correct database name is shown in the **Main GUI Title Bar**.
Refer to [Main GUI Title Bar on page 28](#) for more information.

Configure the scope of the Schedule by clicking **Partial** and select a Controller.

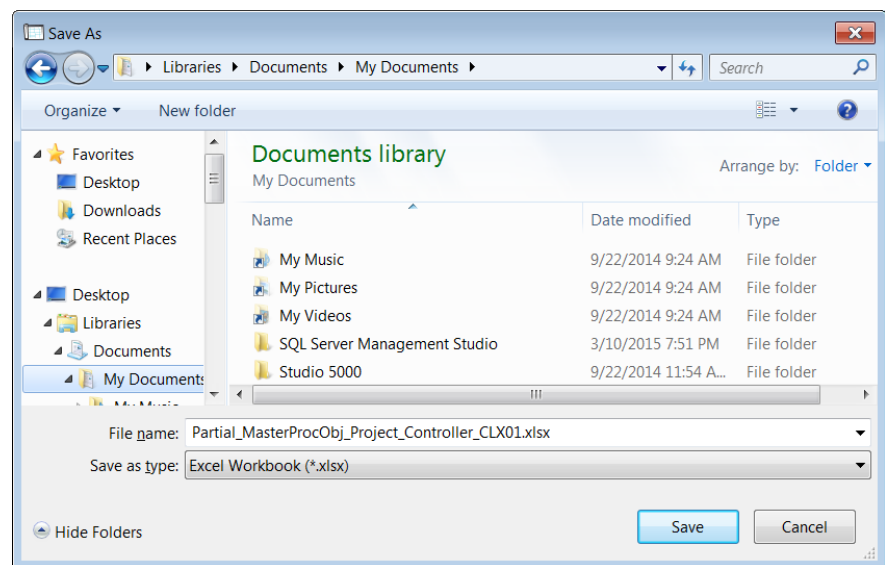
Limit the content (for example, Device List, Device Interlocks) of the Schedule by checking the **Use Template** check box and selecting the Local Device List Schedule Template.

Check the Show Modified check box to color code “changed” (not equal to default) and “unchanged” (equal to default) Parameter values.



Click **Export**.

Enter a path and file name in the **Save As** dialog.



Click **Save** to save the Schedule (xlsx).

If there is an Error or Warning, the ACM Log File entries are displayed when the export is complete.

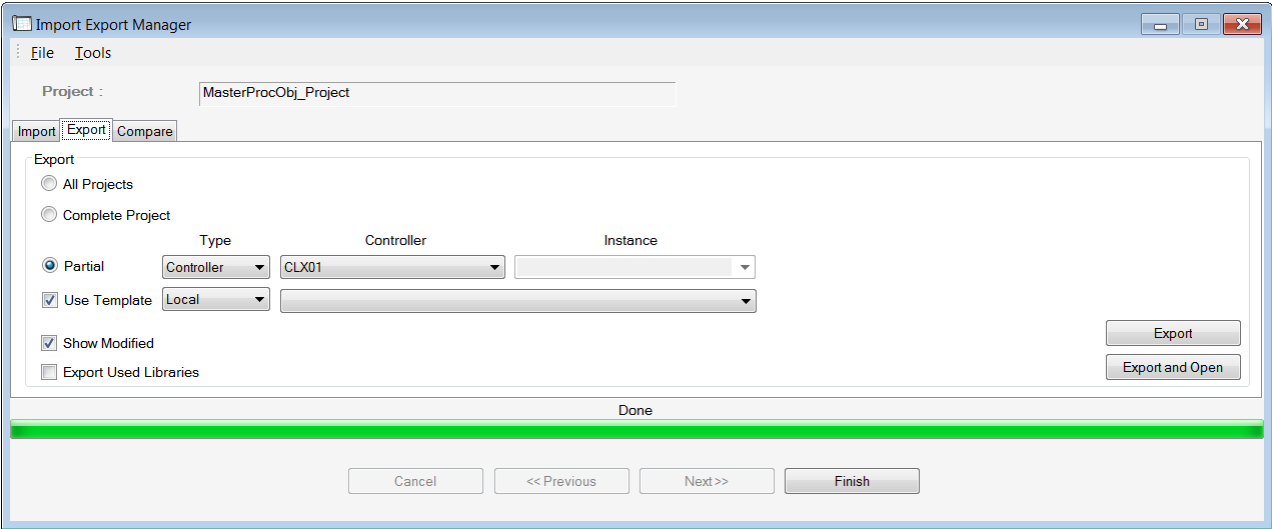
TIP

Errors, Warnings, Info, and Debug information are displayed by default. Filter the list of exceptions by clicking **Errors**, **Warnings**, **Info**, and/or **Debug**.

Refer to the **Log Debug Information** command in the [Import Export Manager Tools Menu](#) for more information on logging Debug Information.

Clicking the **Show Log File** command will display the contents of the most recent ACM Log File.

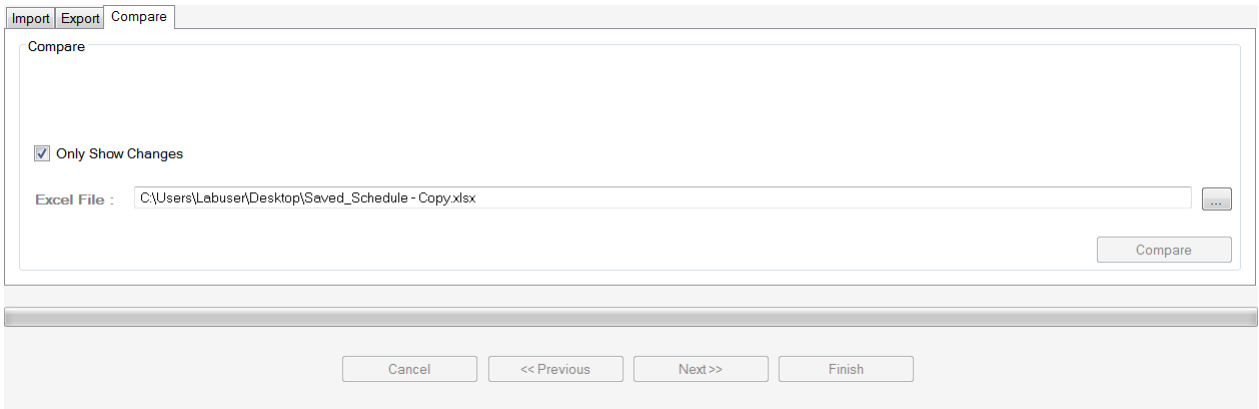
Click **Finish** to return to the Import Export Manager.



Click **Finish** to close the Import Export Manager.

Import Export Manager Compare Tab

The Import Export Manager **Compare** tab is used to compare the current Project to a previously saved Schedule (xlsx). It is used to create a report (xlsx) that highlights differences between the Project and the Schedule.



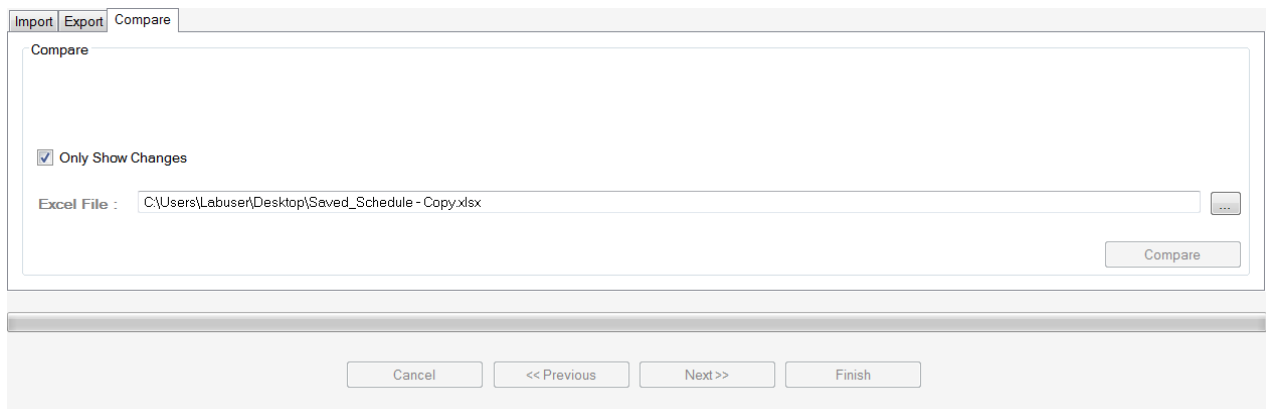
This table describes the controls on the **Import Export Manager Compare Tab**.

Only Show Changes	Select this check box to create a report that only lists the Project content that has changed.
Excel File:	Click the ellipsis to open a Schedule (xlsx) to compare with the current Project.
Compare	Compares the current Project to the selected Schedule. The command button is available when a valid Schedule has been selected. Refer to Comparing a Project to a Saved Schedule on page 114 for more information.
Cancel	Cancels the comparison. The command button is available once the comparison is in progress.

Previous	Not used
Next	Not used
Finish	Closes the tab. The command button is available once the comparison file has been created.

Comparing a Project to a Saved Schedule

Open the Import Export Manager by executing the **Import Export Manager** command in the **Main GUI Tools Menu** and select the **Compare** tab.

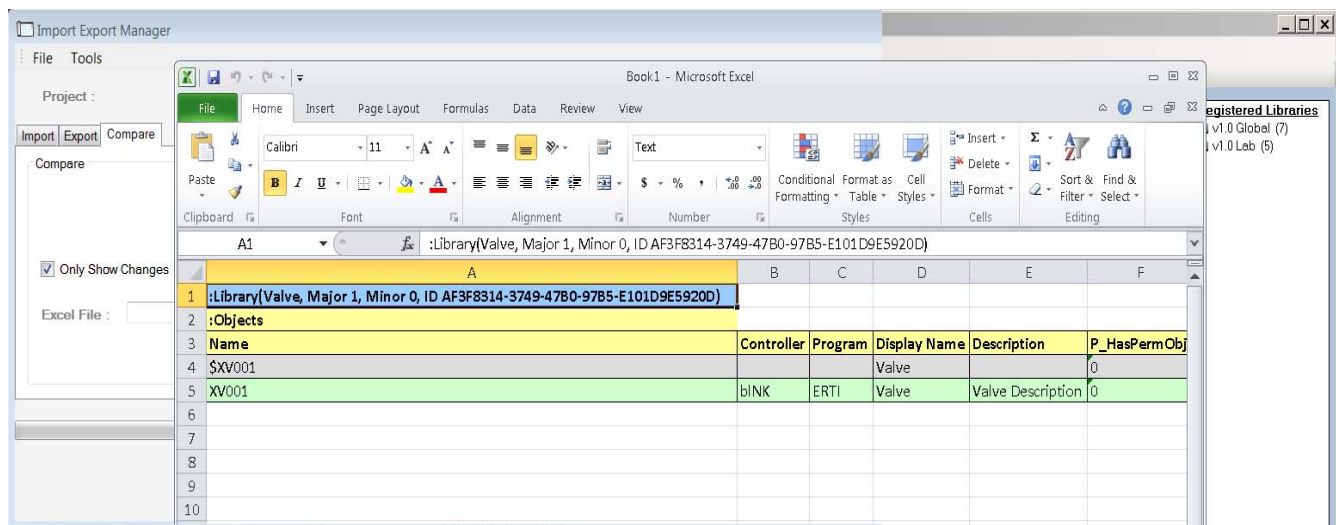


Use the **Excel File** field to select the Schedule to use for comparison.

Limit the content of the created report to only Project content that is different from content in the Schedule by checking the **Only Show Changes** check box.

Click **Compare**.

Click the **Cancel** button to cancel the comparison before it is complete.



Use the **File->Save** command in Excel to save the report.

Click **Finish** to close the Import Export Manager.

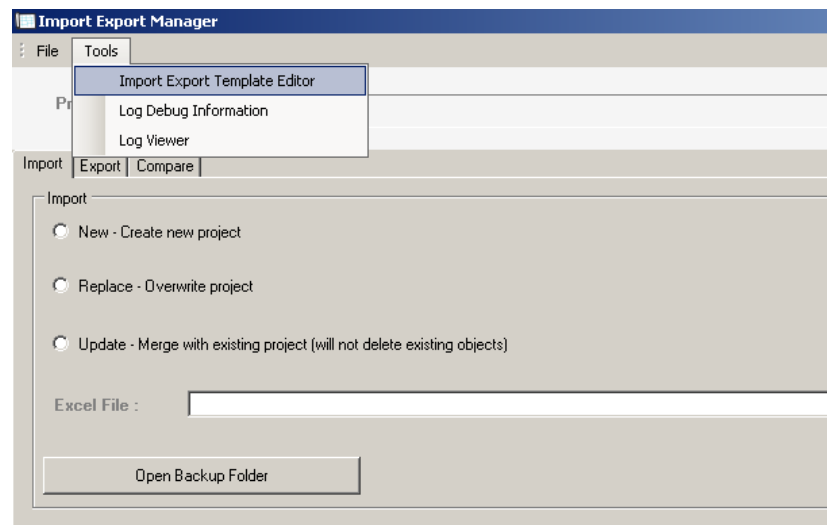
Import Export Template Manager

The **Import Export Template Manager** can be used to create custom Schedule Templates or copy/move Schedule Templates from one location to another.

Three Schedule Template locations are available:

- Local – Located in the Windows User Folder. Available only to the ACM User.
- Project – Located in the ACM Database. Available to all ACM users with this Project open.
- Global – Located in the ACM Database. Available to all ACM users connected to this ACM Database.

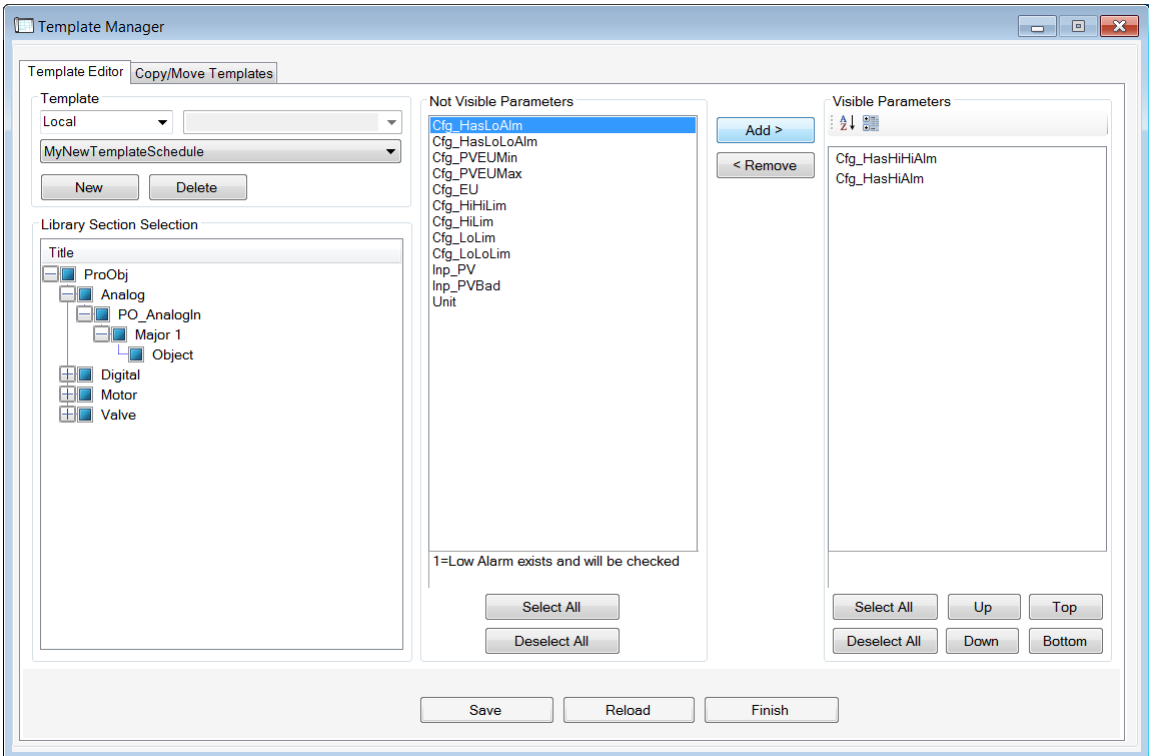
The **Import Export Template Manager** is accessed by executing the **Import Export Template Editor** command in the Import Export Manager **Tools** menu.



Refer to [Import Export Manager Tools Menu on page 105](#) in this chapter for more information.

Import Export Template Manager Template Editor Tab

The **Template Editor** tab is used to create, delete, or edit Schedule Templates.



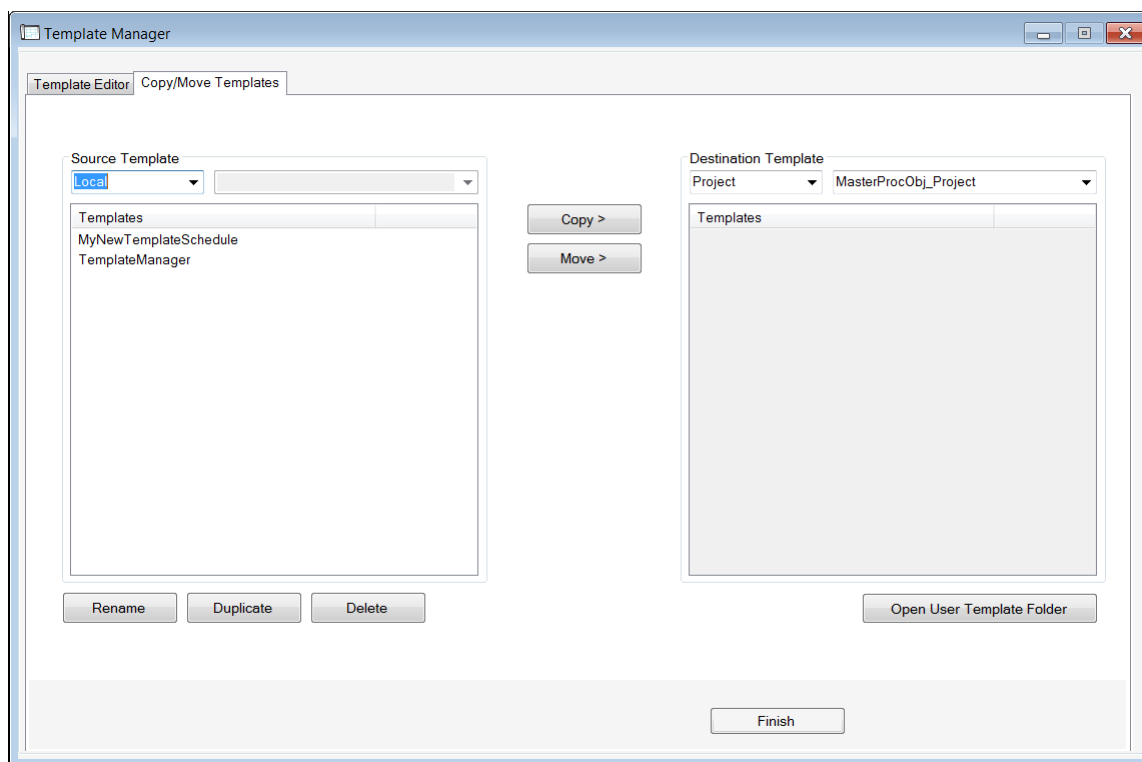
This table describes the controls on the **Import Export Template Manager Template Editor Tab**.

Template Frame	Selects a Schedule Template. Use the combo boxes to select a Schedule Template location, a Project name (if located in Project), and a Schedule name. Use the Delete command to delete the selected Schedule Template. Use the New command to create a new Schedule Template. Refer to Creating a New Schedule Template Using the Import Export Template Manager on page 119 for more information. (If the Schedule Template format is old, the Template Manager will prompt to upgrade the Template format to the latest version when the Schedule Template is selected.)
Library Section Selection Frame	Selects a Library Object or Sub-Object definition from the Registered Libraries. The Object or Sub-Object Parameters are displayed in the Not Visible Parameters or Visible Parameters list boxes.
Not Visible Parameters Frame	Displays the Object or Sub-Object Parameters that will not be included in Schedules exported using this Schedule Template. Select Parameters in the list box to move to the Visible Parameters Frame . Ctrl-click, Shift-Click, Click-and-Drag, Select All , and Deselect All commands can be used to select multiple Parameters.
Visible Parameters Frame	Displays the Object or Sub-Object Parameters that will be included in Schedules exported using this Schedule Template. Select Parameters in the list box to move to the Not Visible Parameters Frame . Ctrl-click, Shift-Click, Click-and-Drag, Select All , and Deselect All commands can be used to select multiple Parameters. Use the Up , Down , Top , and Bottom commands to control the order in which the Parameters will be displayed in the exported Schedule. Use the sort buttons to display the Parameters in groups or alphabetically.

Add >	Moves the Parameter selected in the Not Visible Parameter Frame to the Visible Parameter Frame .
< Remove	Moves the Parameter selected in the Visible Parameter Frame to the Not Visible Parameter Frame .
Save	Saves the Schedule Template to the Schedule Template settings file (C:\Documents and Settings\<username>\Local Settings\Application Data\Rockwell Automation\Application Code Manager\Templates\<template>).
Reload	Cancels any Template changes made since the last Save command was executed by reloading the Schedule Template from the Schedule Template settings file (C:\Documents and Settings\<username>\Local Settings\Application Data\Rockwell Automation\Application Code Manager\Templates\<template>).
Finish	Closes the Import Export Template Manager.

Import Export Template Manager Copy/Move Templates Tab

The **Copy/Move Templates** tab is used to copy or move a template.



This table describes the controls on the **Import Export Template Manager Copy/Move Templates Tab**.

Source Template Frame	Selects a source for copying or moving a Schedule Template. Use the combo boxes to select a Schedule Template location and a Project name (if located in Project). Select a Schedule Template name in the list box.
Destination Template Frame	Selects a destination for copying or moving a Schedule Template. Use the combo boxes to select a Schedule Template location and a Project name (if located in Project). The Schedule Templates which are in the selected destination location are displayed in the list box.
Copy>	Copies the Schedule Template selected in the Source Template frame to the location selected in the Destination Template frame.
Move>	Moves the Schedule Template selected in the Source Template frame to the location selected in the Destination Template frame.
Rename	Renames the Schedule Template selected in the Source Template frame.
Duplicate	Prompts for a new Schedule Template name and copies the Schedule Template selected in the Source Template frame.
Delete	Deletes the Schedule Template selected in the Source Template frame.
Open User Template Folder	Opens the folder where Local Schedule Templates (settings.xml) are stored (Windows User Folder).
Finish	Closes the Import Export Template Manager.

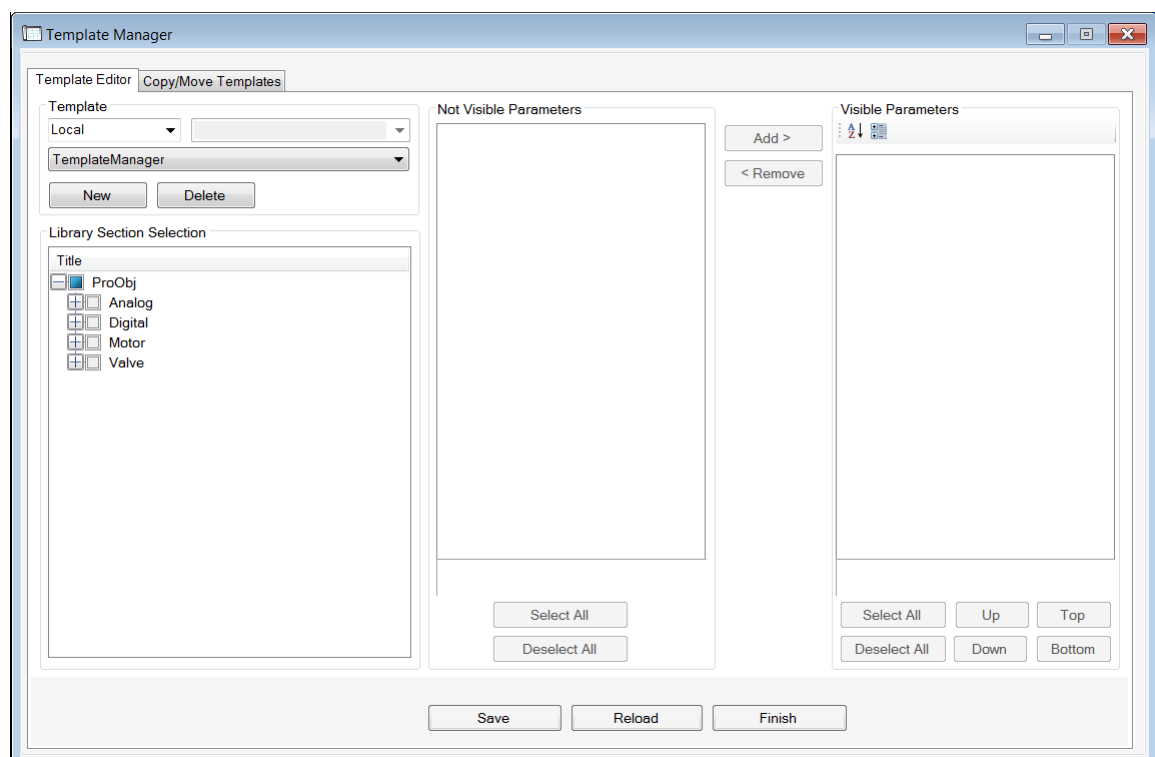
Creating a New Schedule Template Using the Import Export Template Manager

Open the Import Export Manager by executing the **Import Export Manager** command in the **Main GUI Tools Menu**.

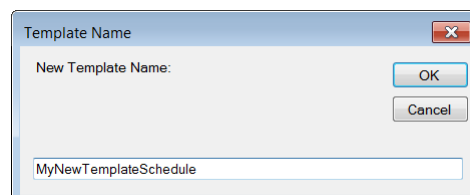
Open the Import Export Template Manager by executing the **Import Export Template Editor** command in the Import Export Manager **Tools** menu and select the **Template Editor** tab.

Select a Schedule Template location and a Project name (if located in Project) using the combo boxes in the Template frame.

Click **New**.

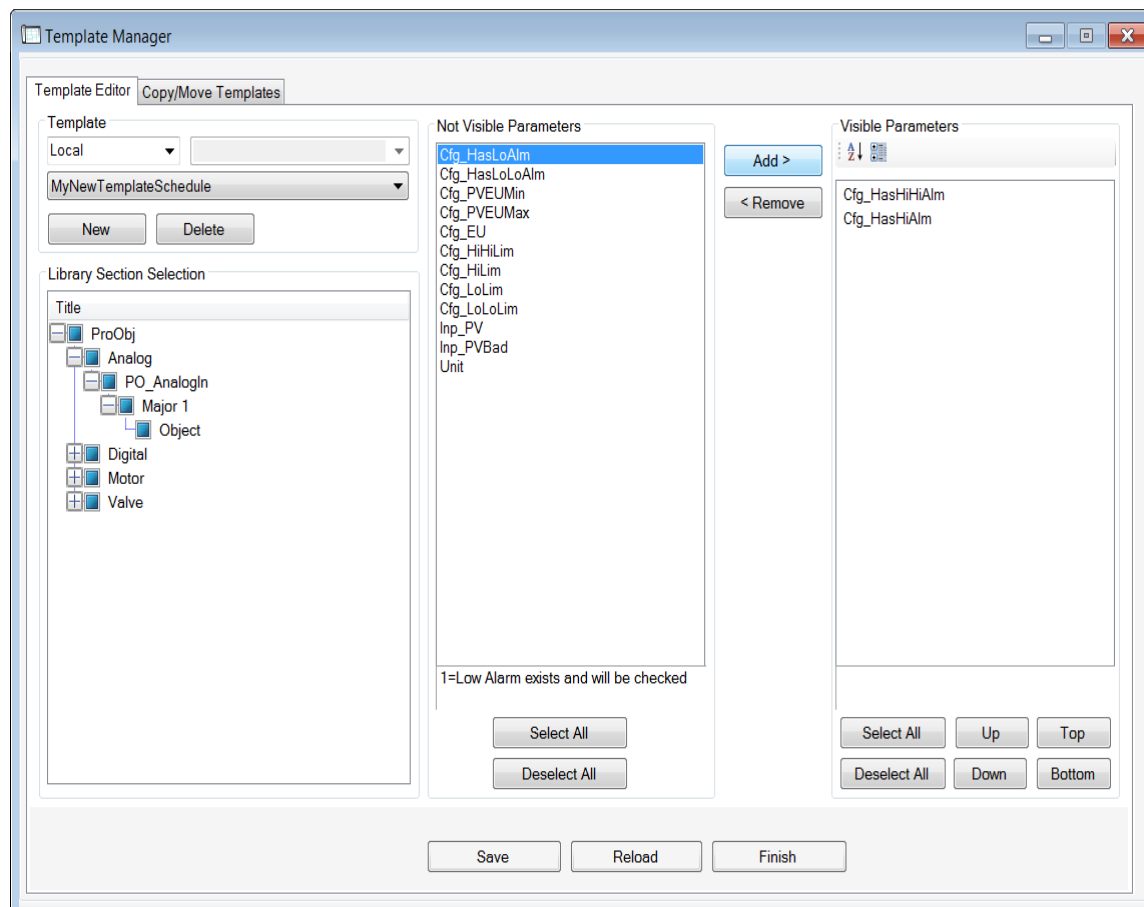


Enter a name for the new Schedule Template and click **OK**.



The new Schedule Template name appears in the Template frame.

Add the desired Object and Sub-Object Parameters to the new Schedule Template by selecting the Parameters in the Library Section Selection frame and clicking **Add >**.



Click **Save** to save the changes.

Click **Reload** to cancel all edits made since the last time the **Save** command was executed.

Click **Finish** to close the Import Export Template Manager.

Database Manager

Chapter Objectives

This chapter provides information on the following topics:

- [Accessing the Database Manager](#)
- [Creating an ACM Database](#)
- [Deleting a Database](#)

Accessing the Database Manager

The Database Manager is accessed by executing the **Database Manager** command in the **Main GUI Tools Menu**. Refer to [Main GUI Tools Menu on page 43](#) for more information.

The screenshot shows the 'Database Manager' dialog box with the following sections:

- Server name:** A dropdown menu showing a server name, with a 'Refresh' button to its right.
- Log on to the server:**
 - Using SQL Server Authentication:**
 - User name:** A text field containing 'sa'.
 - Password:** A text field with masked characters (dots).
 - ☒ **ACM default sa password**
 - Connect** button
 - Status:** A yellow progress bar.
- Specify the database:**
 - Select a database name:** A dropdown menu.
- Actions:**
 - Select an action to perform:**
 - Tasks:**
 - ☐ **Create database**
 - ☐ **Upgrade database**
 - ☐ **Delete database**
 - Execute Task** button
 - Disaster Recovery:**
 - ☐ **Backup database**
 - ☐ **Restore database**
 - Execute Recovery** button
- Close** button

This table describes the controls on the **Database Manager** dialog.

Server name:	Selects a computer name and SQL server instance from a pull-down list, or enter a computer name and SQL server instance in the following format: <Computer Name> \<SQL Server Instance>
Refresh	Refreshes the Server name selections.
Log on to the server	
User name:	SQL server user name entered during ACM Database creation. Refer to Creating an ACM Database on page 123 for more information. The default user name is "sa".
Password:	SQL server password entered when SQL Server Express was installed. Refer to Installing the Application Code Manager Application on page 16 for more information.
ACM default sa password	Selects the default ACM password. Check this box if the default SQL server password was entered when SQL Server Express was installed. Refer to Installing the Application Code Manager Application on page 16 for more information.
Connect	Connects to the database named in the Select a database name combo box using the SQL server entered in the Server name combo box.
Status:	Displays user connection status.
Specify the database	
Select a database name:	Enter a name or select an existing name from the pull-down list. If the name entered is unique, a new database name will be created.
Actions – Tasks	
Create database	Creates a database using the SQL server entered in the Server name combo box and the database name entered in the Select a database name combo box when the Execute Task command is clicked. Refer to Creating an ACM Database on page 123 for more information.
Upgrade database	Upgrades the ACM Database named in the Select a database name combo box using the SQL server entered in the Server name combo box when the Execute Task command is clicked.
Delete database	Deletes the database named in the Select a database name combo box using the SQL server entered in the Server name combo box when the Execute Task command is clicked. Refer to Deleting a Database on page 124 for more information.
Execute Task	Performs the selected task.
Actions – Disaster Recovery	
Backup database	Makes a backup copy of the database file named in the Select a database name combo box when the Execute Recovery command is clicked.
Restore database	Replaces the database file named in the Select a database name combo box with a database file when the Execute Recovery command is clicked.
Execute Recovery	Performs the selected recovery.

Creating an ACM Database

Display the **Database Manager** dialog by executing the **Database Manager** command in the **Main GUI Tools Menu**.

Enter a computer name and a SQL server instance in the **Server name** combo box. Enter the SQL server authentication and click **Connect**.

TIP Contact the database administrator for the computer name, the SQL server instance, and the server authentication if you did not install this SQL server instance.

In most instances, use the default ACM Database name (ACM).

Click **Create database** and click **Execute Task**.

The screenshot shows the 'Database Manager' dialog box. At the top, the title bar says 'Database Manager'. Below it, the 'Server name' field is a dropdown menu showing 'localhost\SQLACM' with a 'Refresh' button to its right. Under the 'Log on to the server' section, 'Using SQL Server Authentication' is selected. The 'User name' field contains 'sa' and the 'Password' field is masked with dots. A checkbox labeled 'ACM default sa password' is checked. A 'Connect' button is to the right. Below this, the 'Status' is 'Connected'. The 'Specify the database' section has a dropdown for 'Select a database name' showing 'ACM2'. The 'Actions' section has a 'Select an action to perform:' label. Under 'Tasks', 'Create database' is selected with a radio button, and 'Upgrade database' and 'Delete database' are unselected. An 'Execute Task' button is at the bottom of the tasks section. Under 'Disaster Recovery', 'Backup database' is selected with a radio button, and 'Restore database' is unselected. An 'Execute Recovery' button is at the bottom of the disaster recovery section. A 'Close' button is at the bottom right of the dialog.

The **Database Manager** will display the results. Click **OK**.

Refer to [Connecting to an ACM Database on page 39](#) for information on connecting to the ACM Database.

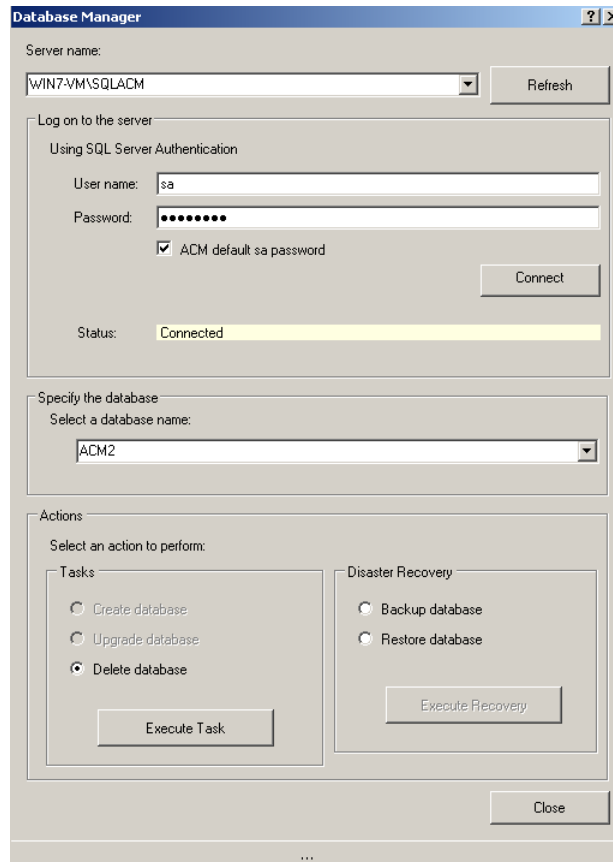
Deleting a Database

Display the **Database Manager** dialog by executing the **Database Manager** command in the **Main GUI Tools Menu**.

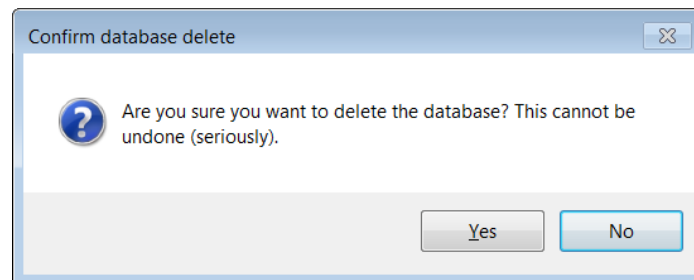
Enter a computer name and a SQL server instance in the **Server name** combo box. Enter the SQL server authentication, click **Connect**, and enter a database name.

TIP Contact the database administrator for the computer name, the SQL server instance, and the SQL server authentication if you did not install this SQL server instance.

Click **Delete database** and click **Execute Task**.



The **Database Manager** will prompt for confirmation and display the results. Click **Yes**.



Click **OK**.

Reports

Chapter Objectives

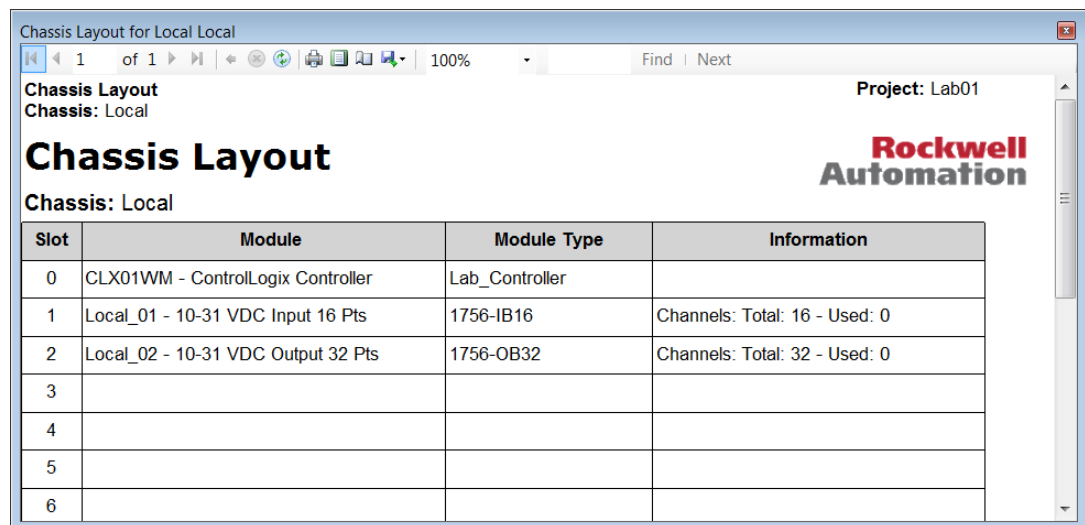
This chapter provides information on the following topics:

- [Generating a Report](#)
- [Viewing Registered Library Usage](#)
- [Viewing Project History](#)

Generating a Report

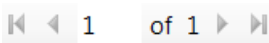




Reports can be generated by executing any of the **View** context menu commands.


For example, executing the **View Chassis Layout** command in the context menu for a Controller displays the following **Report**:



Slot	Module	Module Type	Information
0	CLX01WM - ControlLogix Controller	Lab_Controller	
1	Local_01 - 10-31 VDC Input 16 Pts	1756-IB16	Channels: Total: 16 - Used: 0
2	Local_02 - 10-31 VDC Output 32 Pts	1756-OB32	Channels: Total: 32 - Used: 0
3			
4			
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The **Report** button bar includes the following commands.

	Page navigation
	Refresh the usage report.
	Print the usage report.
	Display the usage report in Print Layout .
	Configure the printed Page Setup .

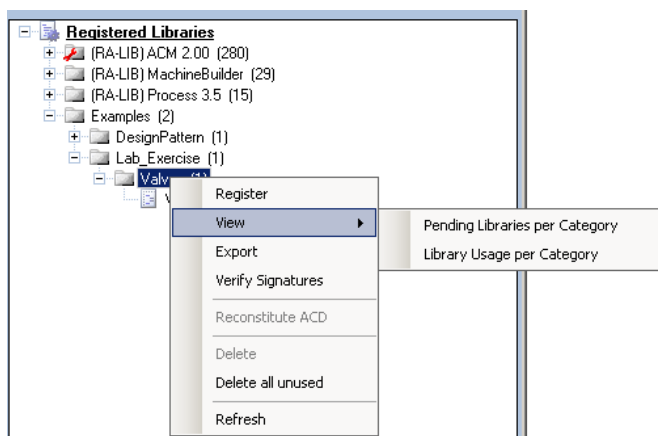
 <div> Excel PDF Word </div>	Export to Excel, PDF, or Word.
100%	Zoom
Valve_01 Find Next	Search

Viewing Registered Library Usage

Determine the scope of the report (Registered Libraries, Solution, Library Type, Library Category, or Library Catalog Number).

Display the **Registered Libraries** context menu from the branch of the Registered Libraries tree view corresponding to the desired scope and click the **Library Usage** command.

For example, to display the usage for the Libraries in the Valve Library Category, display the **Registered Libraries** context menu by right-clicking on the Valve Library Category in the Registered Libraries tree view and click the **Library Usage per Category** command.



The Library usage for the Valve Library Category is displayed.

Library Usage per Category for

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Database Library Usage per LibraryType

Database: localhost\SQLACM.ACM

Solution: Examples

Library Type: Lab_Exercise

Category: Valves

Database Library Usage per Library Category

Rockwell Automation

Database: localhost\SQLACM.ACM

Solution: Examples, Library Type: Lab_Exercise

Category: Valves

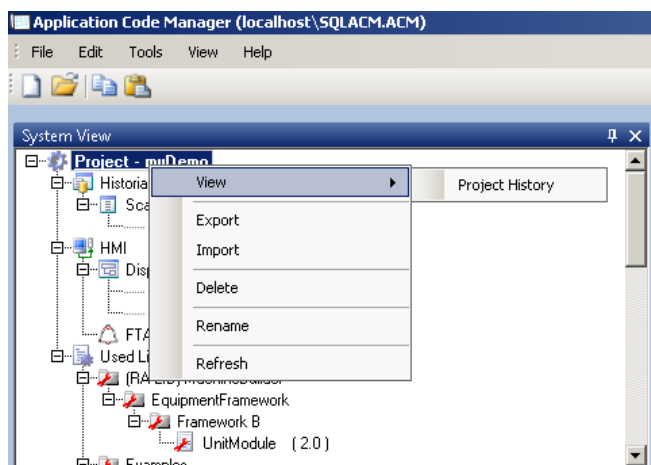
Catalog Number	Major Rev	Minor Rev	Usage Count
ValveSO	1	0	0

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Viewing Project History

Display the **Project** context menu and click **View Project History**.



The Project history is displayed.

Project History for					
Project History					
Project: Existing_COP					
Major Rev	Minor Rev	By User	Changed On	Comment	Status
0	0	IEM: Labuser	4/20/2017 2:25:36 PM	IEM: Creating Project	0
0	1	IEM: Labuser	5/17/2017 2:44:03 PM	IEM: Update Project	3
0	2	IEM: Labuser	5/18/2017 10:56:52 AM	IEM: Update Project	3

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Design Collaboration

Chapter Objectives

This chapter provides information on the following topics:

- [Creating a Central ACM Database](#)
- [Sharing Libraries, Templates, and Schedules](#)
- [Other Considerations](#)

When working in Projects where multiple engineers will need to modify the information stored in the ACM Database, there are two possible approaches:

1. Select a single project engineer as the ACM Database “owner”. The ACM Database “owner” will be the only project engineer using the ACM and accessing the ACM Database. The ACM Database “owner” will provide Schedules and design output to the rest of the project team and will be responsible for maintaining all project data in the ACM Database. This option simplifies the IT requirements by eliminating the need for a central ACM Database. However, having a single ACM project engineer maintaining all project data in the ACM Database can limit productivity.
2. Use a central ACM Database accessible to all project engineers. All project engineers use the ACM and access the same ACM Database. This requires a computer running MS SQL Server 2012, which is available to all ACM users. Although there is a possibility of ACM users overwriting each other’s work, and some additional knowledge of MS SQL Server management is required, a central ACM Database provides the best work flow. Refer to [Creating a Central ACM Database](#) for more information.

Creating a Central ACM Database

Select a computer that can be shared and accessed by all users in the project. This can be a standard computer that doesn’t belong to a particular user or a project computer. The computer must always be turned on and available. Microsoft SQL Server 2012 is the only software required on the shared computer.

Install SQL Server 2012 via the ACM installation media. Select only SQL Server 2012 when presented with the selection of install options. Refer to [Installing the Application Code Manager Application on page 16](#).

Configure the SQL server as follows:

1. **Add Users:** Normally the ACM uses Windows Authentication to connect to the ACM Database. When the ACM Database is located in a remote computer, local users will need to be created using the SQL Server Management Studio. You can create one user for all the Project engineers that will connect to the database or an individual user for each Project engineer. At least one of the users must have “dbcreator” or “sysadmin” rights in the ACM Database. All other users only need “db_datareader” and “db_datawriter” rights in the ACM Database. You can only assign users to the ACM Database after the ACM Database has been created. Refer to [Creating a Central ACM Database on page 129](#) for more information.
2. **Record Database Connection Information:** Record the SQL server computer name and/or computer IP address, the SQL server instance name, the SQL server authentication (username and password), and the ACM Database name. This information will be required by ACM users attempting to connect to the central ACM Database. Refer to [Connecting to an ACM Database on page 39](#) for more information.

Sharing Libraries, Templates, and Schedules

All Libraries in the Registered Libraries tree view are available to all ACM users that are connected to the ACM Database.

Windows User Folder Templates (Schedule Templates) can be shared by copying or moving the Schedule Template to the central ACM Database (Project, Global). Refer to [Import Export Template Manager Copy/Move Templates Tab on page 118](#) for more information.

ACM Program Folder Templates can be shared by placing the Template files in a shared network folder.

Project data that can be reused in multiple ACM Projects can be exported to a Schedule (for example, Default ScanClasses) and shared by placing the Schedule (xlsx) in a shared network folder.

Other Considerations

To avoid the possibility of ACM users overwriting each other's work in a central ACM Database, ACM users should work in different Projects or branches of the same Project tree view. Project work can be divided by function (for example, Controller Hardware, Controller Software, HMI, Historian) or by area (for example, Receiving, Mixer, Shipyard).

Use the Partial export option to avoid exporting the same data to more than one Schedule. If the same data is imported from more than one Schedule, the last Schedule imported will determine the data.

Export a Project Schedule periodically for backup.

Refer to [Chapter 9, Import Export Manager](#) for more information.

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